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WHITEAWAY'S

German Fleet moves as Allies Complete Blockade of Norway

NAVAL BATTLE IMMINENT OFF NORWAY?

Armada of Nazi Warships Proceeding Up Coast

LONDON, April 8 (Reuter).—It is now confirmed that between 80 and 100 German warships have been sighted steaming northwards in the Kattegat and the Great Belt.

The armada includes several large warships, in addition to auxiliary craft and armed trawlers.

Reports from Oslo state that big warships, nationality not stated,

were sighted this morning off Bun, on the west coast of Norway, and south of Trondheim.

Big warships were also seen from Hustadvika, just north of Bud. Five steamers were stopped in this area.

It is reported from Bodoe, in north-west Norway, that ordinary coastal traffic has been sighted proceeding northwards through the Kattegat.

NAZIS LOSE THREE SHIPS AS BLOCKADE INTENSIFIES

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—German shipping, already restricted to limited traffic owing to the Allied sea blockade, has suffered one of the most disastrous days of the war as a result of brilliant submarine action by the British Navy.

Three large German ships, one a 5,261-ton military transport, have been sunk.

Another, the 7,600-ton Hansa Line freighter Uhenfels has been captured by the British Navy and taken into Millwall Docks, where she has proved to be a veritable treasure ship.

It is estimated that the ship and cargo are worth roughly £750,000.

The cargo included tons of oil cake and ground-nuts suitable for making margarine.

The German military transport was torpedoed by a British submarine off Christiansand, Norway, after being warned by the Commander of the submarine.

She was the 5,261-ton steamer Rio de Janeiro, formerly of the Hamburg Sud-America Line, but taken over by the German Navy after the outbreak of war.

MINISTERS CONFER

Important Meeting In London

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—British Ministers from the Balkan States and the Ambassadors from Rome, Moscow and Ankara, met at the Foreign Office this afternoon under the chairmanship of Lord Halifax.

The envoys immediately got to grips with the co-ordinated policy of counter-acting Germany's economic pressures in South-Eastern Europe and the development of British trade. It is understood that the meeting will last at least a week. No official statement will be published until the termination.

ALLIES BUY FROM U.S.

But Exports To Reich Fall Rapidly

NEW YORK, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—During the first six months of the war there was a big increase in United States exports to Britain and France and a big falling off in those to Germany.

Up to the end of February the total value of exports from the United States rose by one-third (£497,000,000). Of these the value of the total exports to Germany was £175,000 or £18,000,000 less than corresponding figure for 1939.

The exports to Britain totalled £70,000,000 and to France over £37,000,000.

The British figure represents an increase of 18 per cent. The purchases of aeroplanes by the Allies amounted almost to £23,000,000.

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Food announces that pork will be rationed temporarily from to-morrow.

150 Lives Lost

According to an Oslo message, 150 of the 300 men aboard the Nazi transport lost their lives.

In addition to these losses, the 12,000-ton German Posidonin was torpedoed off the Rauer Islands, at the mouth of Oslo Fjord, by a British submarine, after she had been stopped by a warning shot across her bows.

The Commander of the submarine gave the crew 15 minutes to take to their boats.

After they left the ship, she was sunk by torpedoes.

The crew of 56 reached the Norwegian coast without assistance. The captain, however, was taken prisoner aboard the British submarine.

The Posidonin was outward bound from Germany.

Another Nazi merchantman, the name of which is not yet known, was sunk by gunfire off Lillesand.

Some of the wounded seamen were taken ashore in Norway.

Survivors Land

OSLO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Survivors of the Rio de Janeiro state that she was torpedoed by one of two British submarines four sea miles from the Norwegian coast.

It is reported that 80 horses perished in addition to 150 men.

Crowds flocked to the quay at Lillesand, where the rescued Germans, some of whom were wounded and wrapped in blankets, were brought ashore and taken away in motor cars.

So far ten bodies have been brought ashore.

Nazi Plane Over Shetlands

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—It is now learned that only one German plane was seen over the Shetlands mainland, apparently engaged on reconnaissance.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action but no bombs were dropped.

Norway forwards "Serious and solemn" protest

OSLO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A "serious and solemn protest" against the Allied decision to mine certain territorial waters was handed to the British and French Ministers by the Norwegian Government to-day.

The statement says:

"This morning the British and French Governments allowed mines to be placed in three areas in Norwegian territorial waters with the aim of stopping free shipping within Norwegian waters, and British warships have been sent to patrol these areas.

"The Norwegian Government makes a serious and solemn protest against this open breach of international law and such violation by force of Norwegian sovereignty and neutrality.

"Throughout the war, Norway has observed all rules of neutrality with the strictest care of keeping her waters open to all legitimate traffic of ships belonging to the belligerent countries. Norway has acted accordingly to those rules which are generally acknowledged.

Agreement Cited

"The British and French Governments having now taken steps to stop the Norwegian Government reminding them of the fact that this year the British Government signed an agreement with Norway in which it was stipulated that Norwegian goods—even goods regarded as contraband—may be sold by and exported from Norway to Germany.

"Therefore the Norwegian Government could not have reason to expect that the Allied Governments would forcibly intervene and try to stop this traffic.

"The Norwegian Government cannot in any way agree to belligerent countries placing mines in Norwegian territorial waters. The Government must claim that such mines be removed at once and that patrolling by foreign warships cease.

"The Norwegian Government must reserve the right to take such appropriate measures as this violation of our neutrality may demand."

Foreign Minister's Statement

OSLO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—M. Koht, the Foreign Minister, referred to the note which Britain and France sent to Norway and Sweden on April 5.

This note in the British version said: "His Majesty's Government understand the difficult position of the two governments owing to the threats and pressure from Germany, but they cannot but reach the conclusion that under the present circumstances, the Swedish and Norwegian Governments are not to be regarded as free organs in every respect."

The Allied note, said M. Koht, proceeded to say that the Allied Governments could no longer tolerate the present situation, "which means that Germany receives from Norway and Sweden important war materials, and Germany benefits from advantages in those countries to the disadvantage and danger of the Allied Powers."

They consequently feel that the time has now come to state clearly to the Norwegian Government that the Allied Governments will maintain certain vital claims and defend these claims in every way that they deem necessary.

Appropriate Steps Necessary

M. Koht added that the Allied Note said that they were bound to take appropriate steps to defend their position.

He said that the Norwegian Government refused to grant or cut down those advantages to trade and shipping which the Allied Governments deemed necessary for their warfare and which they felt a neutral government might reasonably approve.

He said that the Allies were fighting as much on behalf of small nations as for their own cause, and they could not tolerate their progress being hampered owing to the advantages Germany was now getting from Norway and Sweden.

Consequently they reserved the right to take steps which they deemed necessary to prevent Germany getting from those countries materials or advantages.

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SCANDINAVIANS IN CONFERENCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, April 8 (UP).—It is understood that the Norwegian and Swedish governments have been in constant telephonic communication since early this morning.

"DASTARDLY" PLOT!

Goebbels Discovers New Machinations

BERLIN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—In the papers here yesterday instead of the news of Allied mine-fields found in Norwegian waters being published they splashed on their front pages Dr. Goebbels' story about a dastardly British plot to blockade the Danube.

This is only one of the many signs showing that the Nazi Government realises what a blow this new measure will be. It will stop the iron ore shipments through Norway and figures now available show how valuable that traffic was.

For over six months of the year it is the only route for Scandinavian exports to Germany for the Baltic ports are frozen.

Before the war over one-third of Germany's imports came from countries from which she is now clearly cut off.

Of the rest three-quarters came from Sweden and a small portion from Norway.

Of these Scandinavian supplies over 7,500,000 tons came from Narvik in Norway in 1938, the other Baltic ports only handled 5,000,000 tons.

Germany is already short of iron ore and the stoppage of important shipments through Narvik means a very serious deficiency in supplies.

Passage For Warships

Ships with other goods have been able to evade the Allied contraband control by coming through Norwegian territorial waters, which also provided a safe passage out for German warships and commerce raiders.

New minefields mean that at least at three points the ships will have to come out of Norwegian waters within the reach of the Royal Navy.

Fear British Propaganda

American Newspapers Chary Of Articles

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, former First Lord of the Admiralty and War Minister, speaking in London to-day after his return from a lecture tour of the United States, said that since the outbreak of war he had found it impossible to place an article in American newspapers.

Americans were interested in Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha's resignation, but Mr. Hore-Belisha was also unable to place an article in U.S. Press, so strong was the American fear of doing English propaganda.

Britain was doing too little in acquainting Americans with the true facts while the Germans were very successful with their propaganda.

Early Impressions here are that the only course open to Norway is to forward a strong protest to Britain.

It is believed in many quarters that this is only the first move in the European War to make Scandinavia the battleground of Europe.

Swedish Reaction

STOCKHOLM, April 8 (UP).—Norway must sweep up the mines and shoot it, interfered with.

This is the opinion of Swedish naval circles, which are aroused at the Allied action.

"That would be how Sweden would defend her neutrality," a naval spokesman said to-day.

Sweden does not expect that the necessity will arise for the Allies to take action in Swedish waters similar to that adopted in the case of Norway.

Premier's Statement

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—It is learned that Mr. Neville Chamberlain will make a statement in the House of Commons to-morrow regarding the mine-laying in Norwegian waters.

LATEST

NEW RAID ON SCAPA FLOW

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—An Admiralty and Air Ministry communiqué says that enemy aircraft carried out an attack on Scapa Flow this evening without doing any damage.

It is certain that at least one enemy aircraft was brought down by our fighters.

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MAUNALOA ERUPTING

Hawaiian Volcano Spouts Lava

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HONOLULU, Apr. 8 (UP).—The volcano Maunaloa began erupting about 11.30 a.m. to-day.

A long crack running north and south of the summit of the crater is spouting lava which is spilling in three streams to the west, while a larger flow is flowing to the south, glowing brilliantly in the darkness.

None of the natives have left the vicinity and the lava is not headed towards farmlands or habitations.

What they say about us

LONDON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 9 (UP).—"The Lion Awakes." This is the heading given to to-day's Editorial in the "Evening News," in commenting on the Allied decision to mine Norwegian waters.

"The free nations of the world will see the British Lion awakened at last, and awakened with a welcome roar," the paper states.

"They will see the Allies no longer ready to stand idly on one side while the Nazis browbeat weaker neutrals into aiding and abetting Hitler's defiance of all international Law and human decency."

"We may sympathise with the Norwegians. But they have not the power to withstand or resist the German pirates."

"They even have to assist in the piracy."

STOCKHOLM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 8 (UP).—"Scandinavia is closer to-day than ever to being drawn into the Great War," said the "Nya Dagblätt Alchanda," organ of the Swedish Conservative Party, in an editorial under the headline "War Threat Over Scandinavia."

"This violation of neutrality must be met. A mere protest is insufficient. Norway must reach a decision as soon as possible," the paper states.

"It must be assumed that Germany will not wait to adopt counter measures."

The "Aften Bladet," organ of the Peoples Party, says: "This is a serious violation of Norwegian neutrality."

It expresses the opinion that Germany may retaliate by mining the west coast of Sweden in an attempt to halt all Swedish trade with Britain.

OSLO

OSLO, Apr. 8 (UP).—The "Storfartstidende" says: "Protests are no longer useful. We must act on the basic situation."

COPENHAGEN

COPENHAGEN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—"You can hardly believe that such a blow to the independence of small nations could come from a country that has always waved the right of independence on her standard," writes the "Ekstra-Bladet."

ROME

ROME, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The evening papers declare that the Allied action of mine-laying in Norwegian waters is a breach of Norwegian neutrality.

Thus the "Tribuna," commenting briefly, says: "The British, who protested against Germany's mine warfare, describing it as 'barbarous' have to-day adopted the same arm against a neutral country."

NEW YORK

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—An editorial on neutrality appeared in the New York "Herald Tribune" to-day.

The editorial says that if the Allied pressure should ever become severe to a point of forcing the Scandinavians out of their neutral position it will be worth bearing the following two points in mind:

1.—The whole law of neutrality presupposes a limited and restricted war, but in a very real sense this is not a limited war. Not only is it being fought on an economic front throughout the world but every nation in Europe knows that it is going to be ultimately affected by the outcome.

2.—Only the defeat of Germany holds out any hope of over-establishing any effective rule of international Law at all. If in encompassing that defeat the Allies

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Kenya's War Effort

NAIROBI, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Kenya is preparing to produce more wheat, fax and beans for Britain in the advice given by the East African Trade Delegation which is now visiting London.

Kenya is also planning a war-time supply of hay in the near Middle East.

MAGAZINE PAGE

The story of Rudolf Diesel's engine and the mystery of his disappearance.

THE FORGOTTEN INVENTOR

DR. Rudolf Diesel was crossing the English Channel on the night of September 29, 1913. He was going to London to attend a meeting of manufacturers, and to confer with the British Admiralty.

It was ten by the ship's bell when he said good-night to his friends and went to his state room. The next morning he did not appear.

He was never seen again. His disappearance became an international sensation. When the war broke out there was a rumour that Diesel had been killed by the Germans to keep him from giving technical secrets to the British.

The mystery, unsolved, was gradually forgotten, and the average man to-day has never heard of either the story or the engineer.

There is no adequate account of his life in English.

Yet Rudolf Diesel was one of the greatest of inventors.

His name has become a common noun; diesel liners furrow the seven seas, diesel trucks rumble along the highways, diesel-powered planes criss-cross the skies, diesel tractors plow our fields.

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BORN in 1858, of a line of German artisans, young Rudolf was trained by his father as a mechanic.

With a quick, inventive mind, he dashed through the Augsburg Trade Schools, and won a scholarship at the Munich Technical Institute. When he had finished there, at the age of 20, he had broken every academic record, and the astounding faculty met him in a body and shook hands with him.

Two things more important than that happened to Rudolf Diesel at Munich. He listened to a lecture, and he saw a small gadget that looked like a popgun.

The lecture was by Dr. Carl Linde, famous pioneer in artificial refrigeration. He discussed the steam engine and pointed out that the best then in use wasted 90 percent of the energy in the coal.

In a note-book which has been preserved Diesel scribbled: "Mechanical theory teaches us that only a part of the heat in the fuel can now be utilized."

Doesn't it follow that the utilization of steam, or any kind of go-between, is false in principle? The possibility suggests itself of putting the energy to work directly. But how can this be done?

The popgun-like gadget was a cigar lighter. The air in the cylinder, heated by the compression of a plunger, ignites a bit of combustible.

This gave Diesel a hint as to how he could "put energy to work directly."

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MARRIED and settled in Paris as an agent for Professor Linde's ice-machines, Diesel worked nights on plans for the engine of his dream.

Sometimes Mrs. Diesel found him in the morning asleep over his desk.

His pile of blueprints and pages of figures kept mounting.

He knew that the more you compress air, the hotter it becomes. (Put your hand on a bicycle pump in action and you get the idea.)

Now why not build an engine in which the piston pulls in nothing but pure air in its loading stroke, and then drives back toward the cylinder head, compressing the air to about one sixteenth of its former volume, and, he computed, heating the air to 1000° Fahrenheit? At that point inject a drop of oil into the cylinder. The hot air will ignite the oil, and its combustion will drive the piston down. There would be no complicated ignition system.

Many men would have gone into the machine shop at that point and proceeded by trial and error, but that was not Diesel's way. Everything about that engine, down to the last bolt, had to be figured out and put down on paper.

He was 35, and had been transferred to Linde's office in Berlin before he had his manuscript ready for the printer. He had already taken out patents. In January, 1893, the work was published. Theory and Construction of a Rational Heat Motor is a slender pamphlet, but it belongs on that small shelf of books which have changed the world. Diesel knew that not more than a score of men on earth would grasp its significance, and was prepared for coldness and ridicule. He got both. Scarcely called it a "paper engine," for it existed only in a book.

BUT Krupp agreed to finance the invention, and in August, 1893, Diesel's first motor was ready for a test.

We see the inventor in an Augsburg machine shop, anxiously watching an upright, pump-like contrivance with a slowly revolving flywheel. No engine like this has ever been seen before. The outlandish thing needs outside power to push the piston up and down. Diesel waits impatiently. At last, eyes blazing with excitement, he pulls a lever and the vaporized fuel spurts into the imprisoned, fiery-hot air.

There is a blast like a cannon shot, and chunks of metal bombard the room. Barely missed by death, Diesel leaps to his feet with a shout of triumph.

"That's what I wanted to know!" he cries. "It proves I'm on the right track!"

He toiled four more years on that track. Then one day the world's most famous engineers flocked to Augsburg to see a 20-horsepower "dieselmotor" that amazed them with its efficiency.

Now Diesel's prophecy has come true. The volume of diesel horsepower installed in 1937 was 20 times the total of five years before. Diesel power drives the streamlined trains; last year, 125 diesel buses began service on the streets of Chicago and New York.

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THE diesel engine's advantage is that it uses the cruder and cheaper forms of petroleum.

True, the price may go up as the diesel boom increases demand. But the Augsburg genius thought of this. His engine will run on almost anything. At the start, Diesel tried powdered coal. It worked, but it scored the cylinder. Diesel also used castor oil, palm oil, fish oil, cottonseed oil and peanut oil. Tar and melted asphalt have been used. Even buttermilk will turn over a diesel, although engineers don't recommend it.

Tragedy was only a few months away when Dr. Diesel returned home after his American visit in 1912.

Two friends crossed the Channel with him on the night of his disappearance. One was Georges Carls, head of the diesel factory at Ghent.

The trio dined cheerfully, and then strolled the deck. When they went below, Diesel left the others as they passed his cabin. A moment later, he tapped on Carls' door, shook his hand heartily, and wished him good-night. It seemed a little unnecessary.

"I will see you in the morning," he said, and those were his last words.

They found his nightshirt on his pillow, still folded, and his watch carefully hung on his bag.

Over a week later, a Dutch boat pulled a body aboard. It was battered beyond recognition, and after removing the contents of the pockets, they dropped it overboard. Later a coin purse, a pocketknife, and a spectacle case were identified as Dr. Diesel's.

But with international tension at fever heat, and diesel-powered submarines straining at the leash, melodramatic stories quickly arose.

It was rumoured that he had been published over-

board by German secret agents.

In a newspaper article a man who said he had served on a German submarine told how "the traitor Diesel met the end he deserved." These stories are still printed now and then.

The truth was revealed recently in Eugen Diesel's biography of his father, so far neglected by English translators.

Behind the facade of Rudolf Diesel's confident manner, his big house in Munich, and his position of world renown, he was at the end of his rope.

All his property was heavily mortgaged; he faced bankruptcy, to him an intolerable disgrace.

Curtains for the Black-Out

By Gloria

MANY PEOPLE have been managing with more or less temporary black-out curtains during Hongkong's periodical blackouts. It would be much better to provide a more attractive and permanent arrangement.

I recently visited a small house with a large French window which had been treated in an interesting manner.

The curtains were enclosed by a plywood pelmet and side columns which prevented any danger of chinks of light. The structure had been put up quite cheaply, and was painted the same colour as the walls.

Another good idea I am passing on is a simple alteration to a room with two windows close together.

By making a pelmet to stretch from one side to the other they can be treated as one window, which will make the blacking-out more effective.

If a mirror is hung on the wall between the windows, and the window ledge continued underneath, a very effective design is obtained.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

GUESSING-GAME for an idle quarter of an hour.

Here are extracts from the speeches of three men who have swayed the world. Who are they? Who said which? And when?

(1) "What we possess to-day is of no importance. One thing is definite, that Germany be victorious."

(2) "My whole life has been nothing but one long struggle for my people, for its restoration and for Germany."

(3) "The war-like spirit still lives in the German people, that powerful spirit which attacks the enemy wherever it finds them, regardless of the cost."

(4) "You, my troops, are my guarantee that I can dictate peace to my enemies."

(5) "In a just cause, I am ready to force myself to be cruel."

(6) "U-boats are not going to rest until the enemy is beaten with god's help."

(7) "We all want and I want especially that the German people shall become the freest in the world."

(8) "God's goodness will guide the German people through battle to victory—to the goal appointed

for the German people by Providence."

(9) "I am wrongly judged if my love of peace and my patience are mistaken for weakness or even cowardice."

(10) "We only wish that God Almighty, who has blessed our arms, will enlighten other nations."

(11) "If ever in history, the expression can be applied now that 'the Lord has struck with man, horse and waggon.'"

(12) "The great questions of the day will not be decided by speeches and resolutions of majorities... but by blood and iron."

YOU have noticed (I take it) that these quotations all come from leaders of the German people. They are Hitler, the Kaiser and Bismarck. The speeches range from 1893-1940.

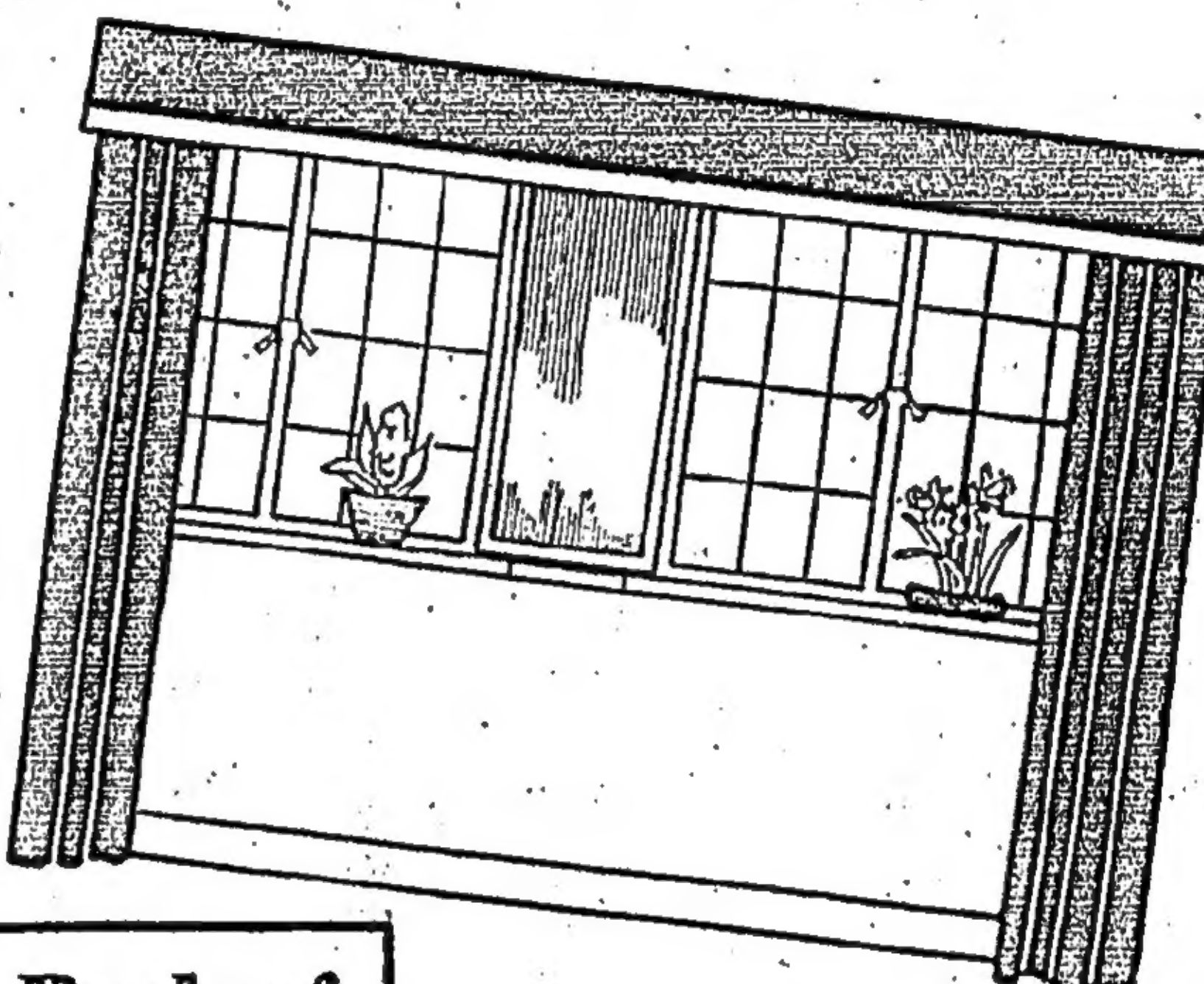
Who said which? I don't think I could have distinguished between Wilhelm and Hitler. There's the same brag, the same enlisting of the Almighty's name in both of them.

If you've finished guessing, here are the answers: The first two quotations are Hitler (September, 1939). Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are the Kaiser (1914-1918). Then Hitler again, Nos. 9, 10 and 11. The last is Bismarck (1863), seven years before the Franco-Prussian war.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"No one understands the problems of a woman of 29 like Pierre—he's understood mine perfectly for 11 years!"



Book of the Week

Hitler—as Seen by His Maid

By MONICA DICKENS

EVEN dictators have Servant Trouble. Hitler's biggest headache this week is coming to him from his ex-housemaid-Pauline Kohler, who reveals closely-guarded secrets of Berchtesgaden, in "I Was Hitler's Maid" (John Long: 2s. 6d.).

Those peepshows on seaside piers called "What the Butler Saw" are nothing to what Pauline saw while she dusted and swept what she described as

"a miniature palace, furnished with every luxury... ringed with three circles of anti-aircraft guns, every approach heavily mined..."

There are cellars, she says, "where are enacted horrors only exceeded in the concentration camps." At Hitler's private cinema, "films of indescribable tortures at prison-camps, or strip-tease acts by his latest stage favourite, are reeled off for the Führer's lustful enjoyment."

Pauline, at whom every member of the Nazi Party appears to have "made a pass," tells these stories of some of them.

Hitler has often to say to Goebbels and Goebbels to Hitler: "I won't have this continual squabbling! You behave like children."

Goebbels deliberately hit a man who stepped in front of his car, sent him flying into the air, to hit the ground a broken, shattered mass of flesh. It was the village priest.

"And that was the most pleasant afternoon's driving I've ever done," said Goebbels afterwards.

Pauline acted as personal maid to both Unity Mitford and Renate Muller during their visits to Berchtesgaden.

She has seen Hitler's astronomical laboratory, "which has never been photographed, and can only be entered by two people—Hitler and his astrologer, Oseltz."

She also learned of the existence of a sequel to "Mein Kampf," provisionally entitled "How I Did It," to be published after the Nazi conquest of Europe. It sets down the names of Gauleiters in the conquered territories, and the names of highly-placed Nazis who are on the Führer's black list.

One wonders, en passant, what Chamberlain thought of this

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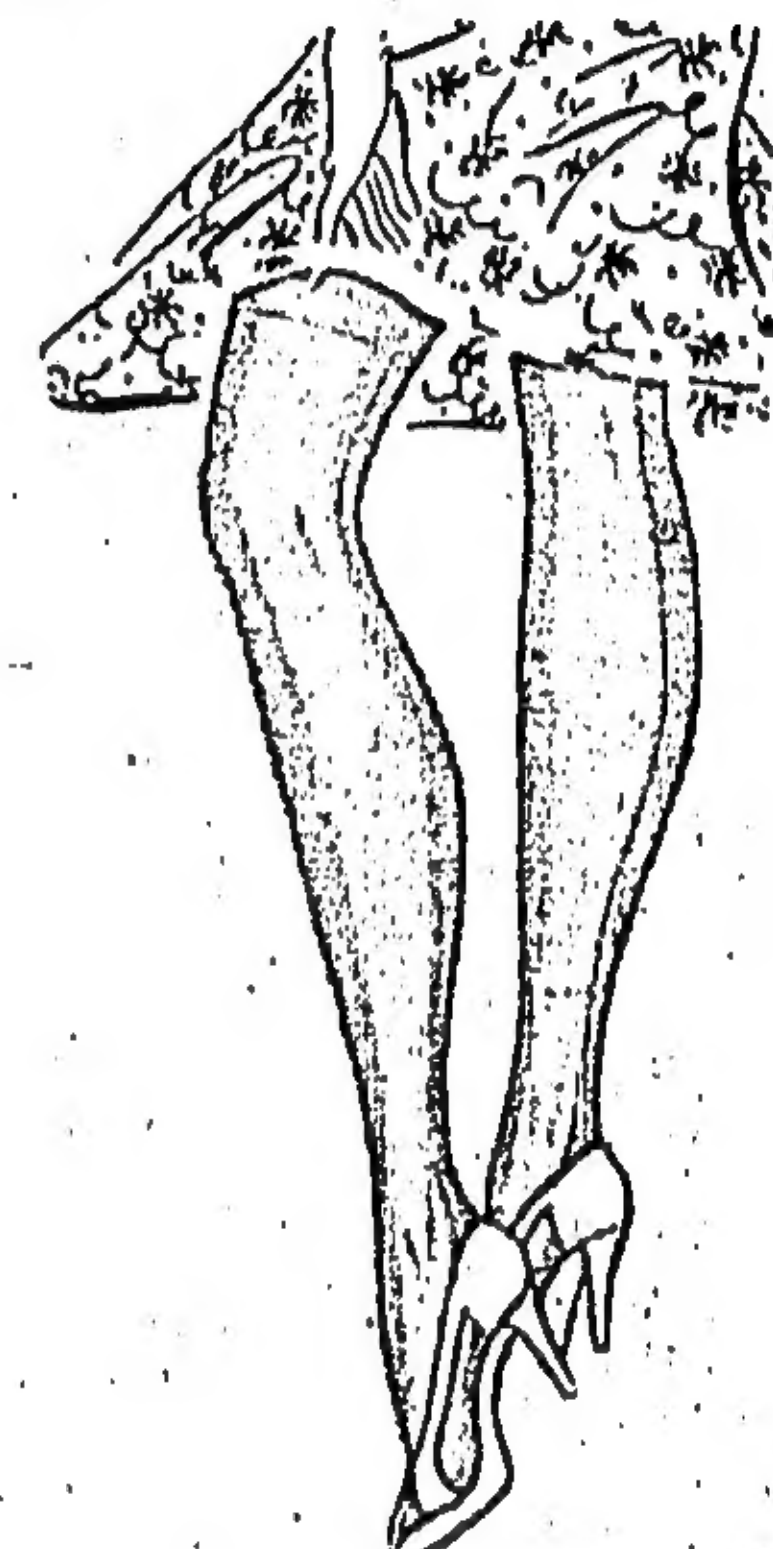
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John Barrymore Kisses Wife, Puts War Off Front Page

NEW YORK,

JOHN BARRYMORE, of the American theatre's royal family, edged the war off New York's front pages to-day after the most amazing night the great profile ever staged.

REASON NO. 1 was that Barrymore, the great tragedian, made his first Broadway appearance for many years—and his performance was more like a three-ring circus.

He hardly ever kept to his script, and he sent audience and actors into convulsions by reciting without warning the whole eighteen stanzas of "The Owl and the Pussycat."

When he was playing a dramatic scene, with his hands shaking, he suddenly turned to the audience and said in a hoarse whisper: "Sorry! I thought I was Lionel."

REASON NO. 2 was that a member of the audience, dressed as Hamlet, jumped on the stage during the curtain speech and declaimed a soliloquy, beside the embarrassed Barrymore.

In full later this devotee of Shakespeare—name, Bert Freeman—explained that he was an unemployed actor who had always wanted to play Hamlet. He thought his action would get him the job.

REASON NO. 3 was a scene between eighteen-year-old Diana Blythe Barrymore, John's daughter by his marriage with the novelist Michael Strange, and Elaine Barrie, John's estranged wife.

Barrymore and his daughter went to one of New York's night clubs to celebrate. Mrs. Barrymore was at the next table.

She waited for two hours, then sent a note to the band asking them to play "I love you to-night," and joined her husband.

For an hour Miss Barrymore glowered at her step-mother, but she saw it was useless. She went home.

REASON NO. 4—Towards dawn fifty-seven-year-old Barrymore kissed his wife, aged twenty-two, in front of a battery of cameras.

Barrymore filed a separation suit against Elaine Barrie, his fourth wife, but dropped it last November. Elaine sued for divorce in 1937.



ELAINE AND JOHN
She asked the band to play,
"I Love You To-night."

TRESSES STOLEN AS SHE SLEPT

A burglar who broke into the home of Mrs. Bessie May Hennegan in Charleston, Virginia, U.S.A., cut off her long braids of hair while she was asleep.

Mrs. Hennegan was extremely proud of her tresses, which extended below her knees.

Her husband, who reported the incident to the police, said he thought he and his wife had been drugged and that the burglar was someone "who had it in for us."

AFTER striking a drifting mine off the south-east coast of England, the Dutch coasting vessel Nora was caught by a drift of the tide and smashed her way clean through a nearby pier, leaving a gap of nearly a hundred yards between the shore and the now isolated sea end of the pier. The boat came to rest on her side on the beach (above), where she now lies. The boat had previously been saved from sinking by a salvage tug, and her crew; it is believed, rescued by another vessel which was in the vicinity at the time of the explosion.

Father Cycles 300 Miles to Save His 34-oz. Baby

BRISTOL.

WHEN Betty Gooch was born at Bidminster Down, on the fringe of the city, she weighed only 34oz. The nurse wrapped the baby in a blanket and rushed her in a taxicab to a maternity home five miles away for special treatment.

But the mother, 22-year-old Mrs. Madeline Gooch, was too ill to go with the child—one of the smallest born in the country for some months. So every night for 30 days while the life of his daughter hung in the balance Mr. Percy Gooch cycled to the home through the black-out with two bottles of mother's milk.

He cycled 300 miles with the bottles and the milk was given to the baby through a fountain pen filler.

Now Betty, aged five weeks, weighs 2lb. 12½oz.

"Perfectly Healthy"

When I saw Mr. and Mrs. Gooch at their home they showed me a woollen garment eight inches long which a grandmother has knitted, said a correspondent. "Betty will wear it to-morrow when we bring her home," said Mr. Gooch.

"At the hospital they say he is a perfectly healthy baby. She has 'driven in an electric blanket and my wife has been visiting her for four hours a day this week."

Mr. Gooch, who is a bricklayer, added: "While I was cycling I carried the milk in two medicine bottles wrapped in flannel and tucked in my pockets."

[The normal weight of a child at birth is between seven and eight pounds.]

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Found Three Dead and 'You Beast' Note

A HUSBAND coming home from work found his wife and two children dead on a bed. A rubber tube had been brought through a hole in the floor from a gas pipe in the kitchen below.

At the inquest at Derby verdicts were recorded that the woman, Mrs. Agnes Margaret Hadfield (28), of Eley Street, murdered the two children, Clifford, aged six, and Cynthia, aged two, and then committed suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed.

The coroner, Mr. A. N. Whiston, read a note left by Mrs. Hadfield saying: "I am not sorry I have done this. You drove me to it with your ways. You can go to your woman. I shall haunt you, you beast, may the Lord forgive."

The husband Frederick Hadfield, in the witness-box, said that there was no truth in the allegation. Dr. G. Osborn said that the woman was expecting a child and ought to have been in bed.



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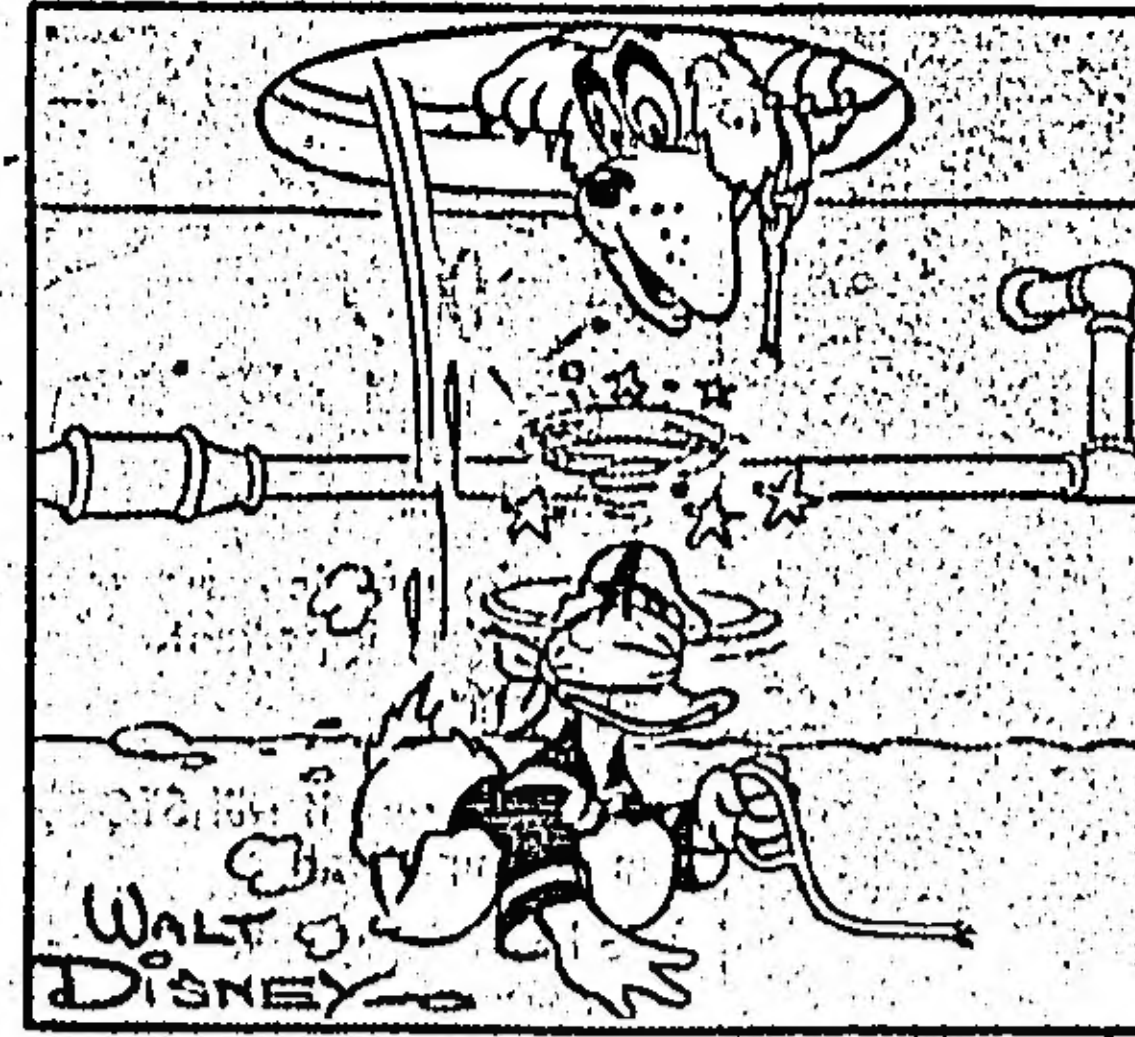
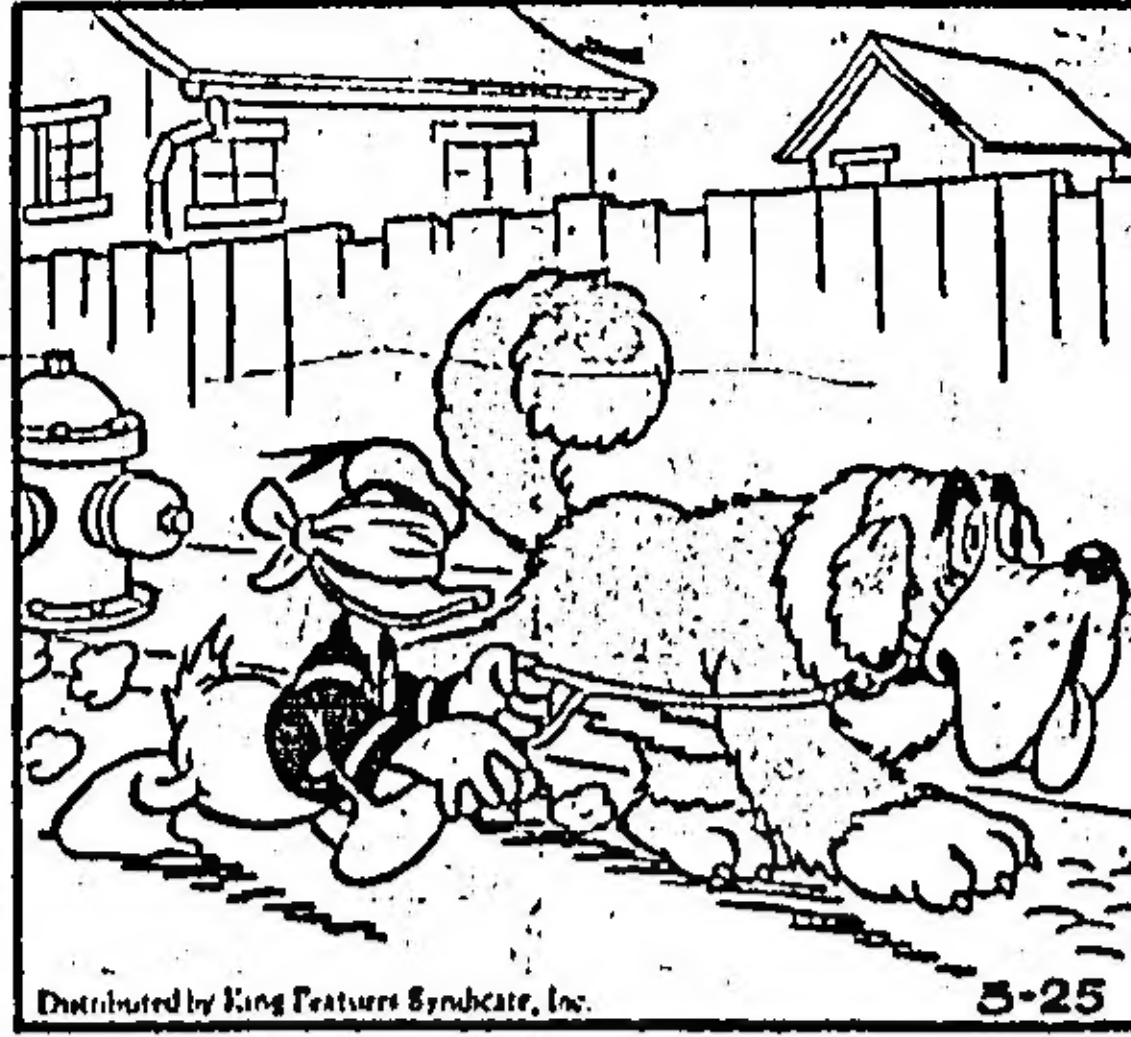
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NAZIS FANNING 1859 DISPUTE

GERMAN agents in Central America have found a new pretext for stirring up anti-British feeling there.

It is a 77-year-old dispute between Britain and the republic of Guatemala, arising out of the Treaty of 1859, which fixed the frontier between Guatemala and British Honduras.

Under the Treaty, both countries agreed "to use their best efforts" to assist communications, either by road or by water, between the Atlantic coast and Guatemala City, capital of Guatemala.

The country is difficult, neither side appears to have done much about communications. A dispute began in 1863, and for nearly 50 years the two Foreign Offices have exchanged Notes on the subject in the friendliest fashion.

New Offer

German propagandists, however, are spreading the story that Britain is refusing to carry out her treaty obligations, that it is all evidence of British imperialism.

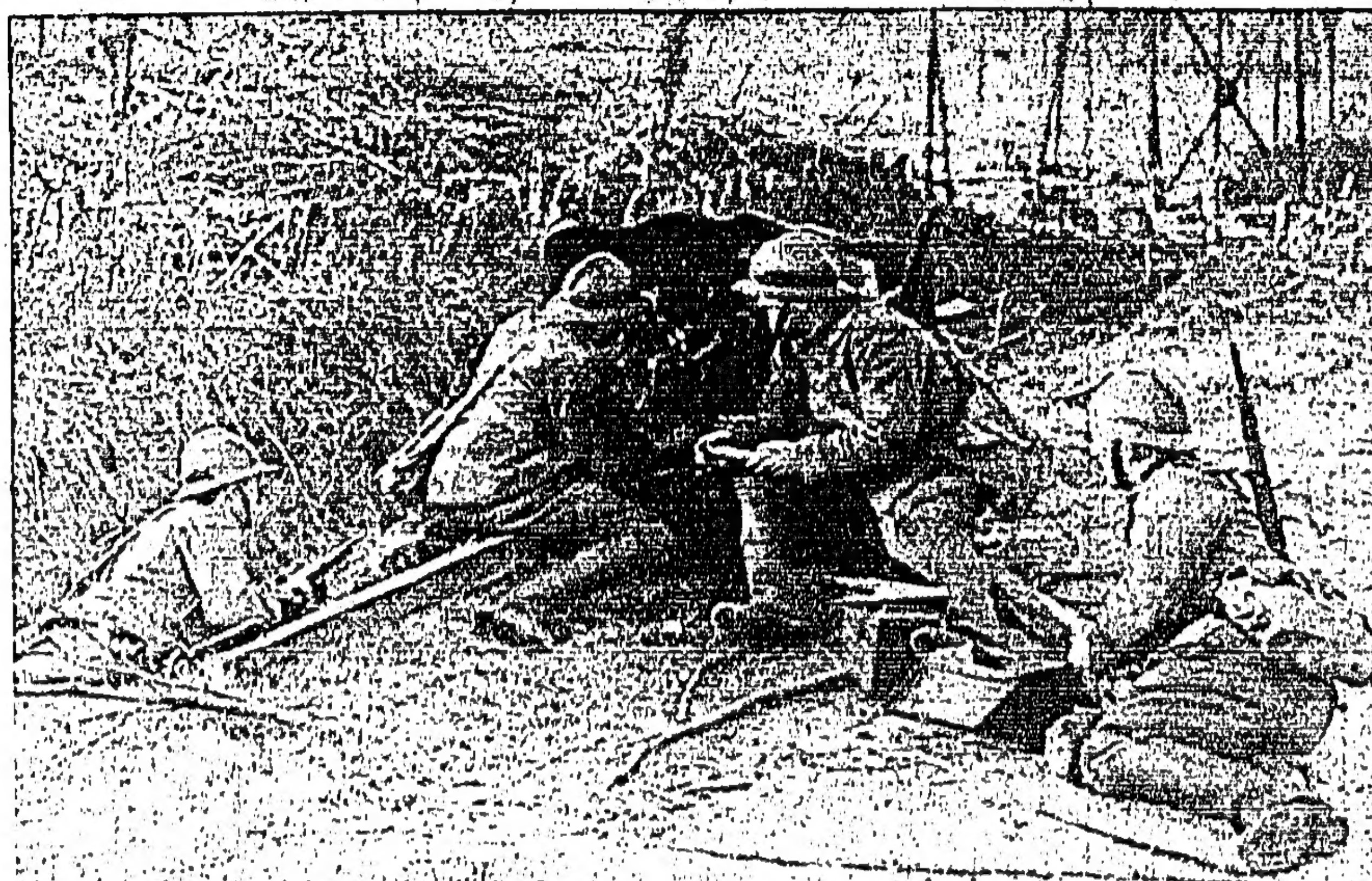
Actually, the British Government had already agreed to submit the dispute to the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague.

A further offer made by the British Minister in Guatemala City provides for arbitration, on the lines laid down in the Hague Convention, by a tribunal consisting of equal numbers of international lawyers nominated by each party and an umpire selected by the lawyers themselves.

An alternative proposal is for arbitration by a tribunal of three international lawyers, one nominated by each side, the third, an umpire, nominated by President Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt has agreed to nominate an umpire if Guatemala accepts this procedure.

ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR GERMAN TANKS



AN ANTI-TANK GUN IN POSITION.—Any German tanks which seek to start a Blitzkrieg through France will meet with a warm welcome from thousands of this type of cannon, whose shells are capable of piercing tank armour at long ranges.—French Official Photograph.

THEY FOUGHT FOR THE BED

LONDON, (UP).—The room contained one bed and one couch. The husband used the bed and the wife the couch.

She revolted and took possession of the bed. Husband, incensed, dialled 999—the emergency police call.

The policemen arrived in hot haste and arbitrated in favour of the wife. The husband spent the night on the couch. Next day he quit.

This story was told by a wife in the London police court when she sued her husband for desertion.

ACE OF LAST WAR WINS THE D.S.O.

FLYING ace of the last war, Wing-Commander W. E. Staton now adds the D.S.O. to his decorations.

His name is among to-day's had destroyed at least 25 enemy planes. list of R.A.F. awards for "gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations."

This was his record in nine months of the last war: Went to France in January, 1918, at the age of 19. By September

All in Few Months

In June, 1918, he won the M.C. for "conspicuous gallantry" when in one combat he destroyed two German aircraft and shot down another out of control. Before that he had shot down five German planes over the enemy lines.

A few weeks later he shot down eleven aircraft, and for this was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Later he won a bar to the cross for destroying another six German planes.

First to Fly Over Berlin

Wing-Commander Staton was born at Tutbury, Staffs, and educated at Burton Guild Street and Burton Science Schools. He is 42.

Among the officers decorated are he captain and pilot of the aircraft which made the first reconnaissance flight over Berlin and the leader and deputy leader of the formation which aided the German seaplane base at Berkum on November 28.

Another officer was bomb-aimer of the leading aircraft in the attack on German warships at Heligoland on December 3. He secured a hit on a warship and destroyed four enemy fighters in a second operation.

One of the sergeant-pilots awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal has taken part in six reconnaissance flights over Germany, including one over Berlin.

A wireless operator in the list received his decoration for his work in a reconnaissance flight over Wilhelmshaven. He obtained courses and enabled the plane to fly home despite temperature over 30 degrees below zero and hands badly frostbitten.

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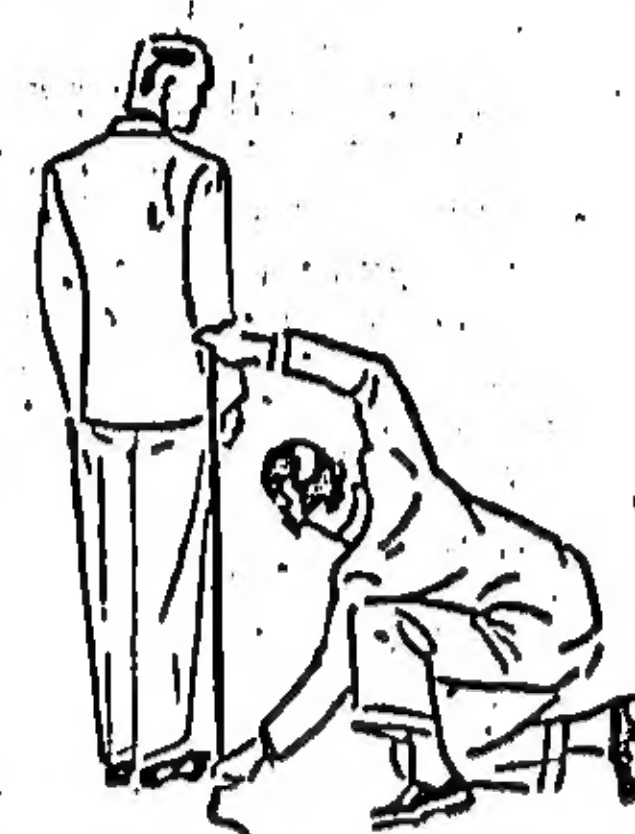
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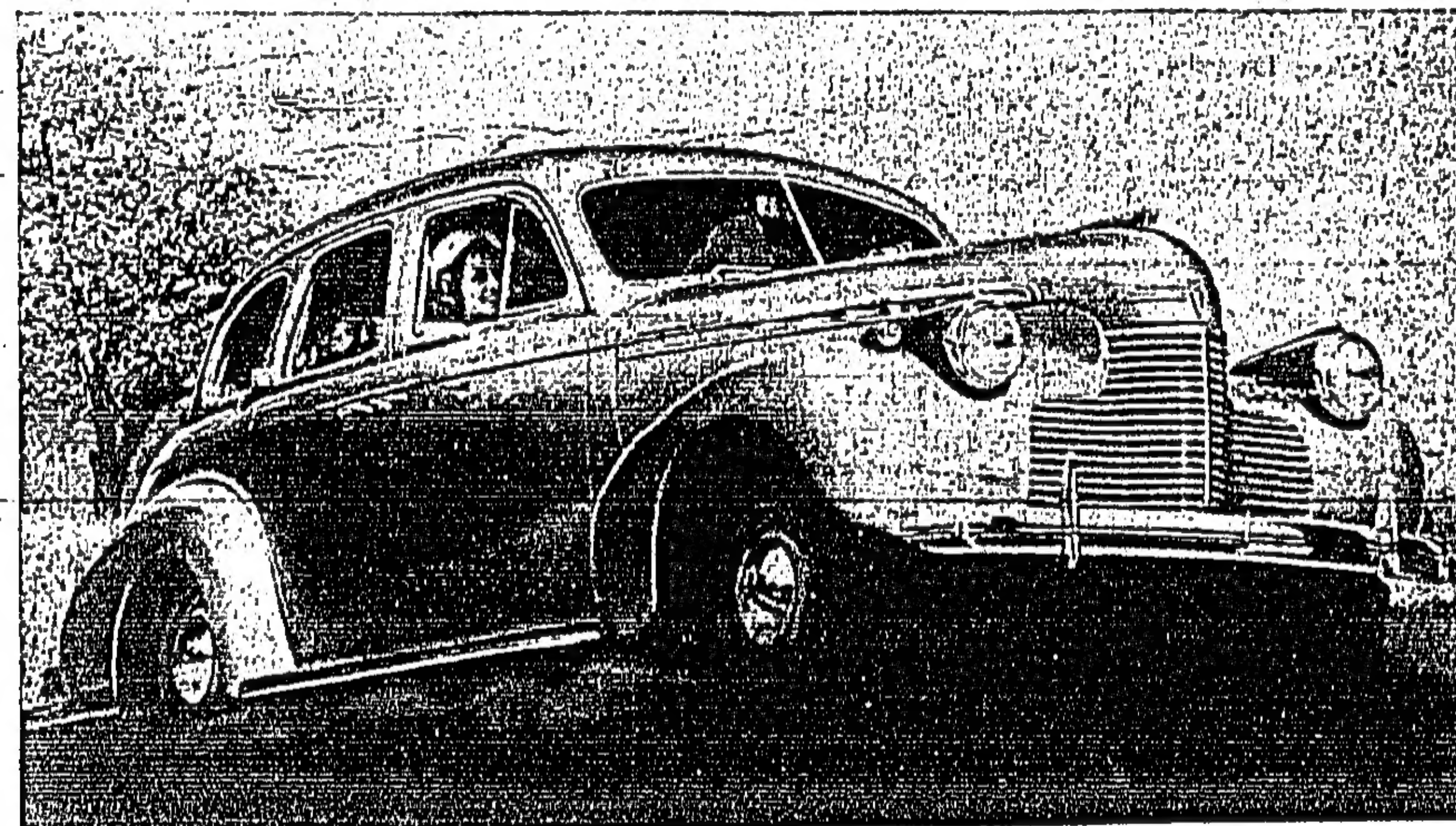
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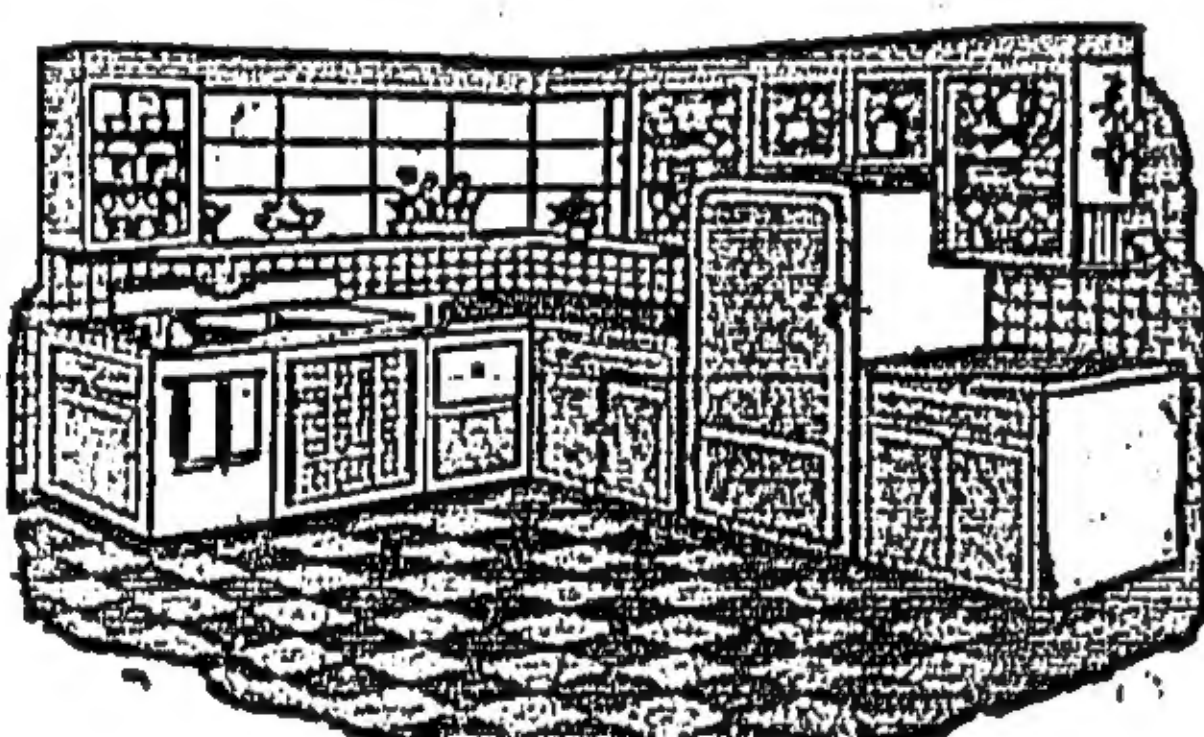


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p.m. No invitations are being
issued but all friends are cordi-
ally invited to the ceremony
and also to the reception which
will be held at 1, Essex Crescent,
Kowloon Tong.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement in Kweilin is
announced of Captain Eugene
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Cheng, second daughter of Mr.
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what you get in return for the
money you pay at the box-office.
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a force for democracy. The mil-
lionaire may build himself a
private cinema, but he sees the
same stars as the worker in the
thirty cent seats.

The screen is a force for
education, the poor man's black-
board. It takes you out and
round the world, into the homes
of every class of people.

It teaches more about life
than any book. It sharpens the
wits, quickens the thought.

American comedies, for in-
stance, have taught us to appre-
ciate subtle and intricate hu-
mour. We learn as we laugh.

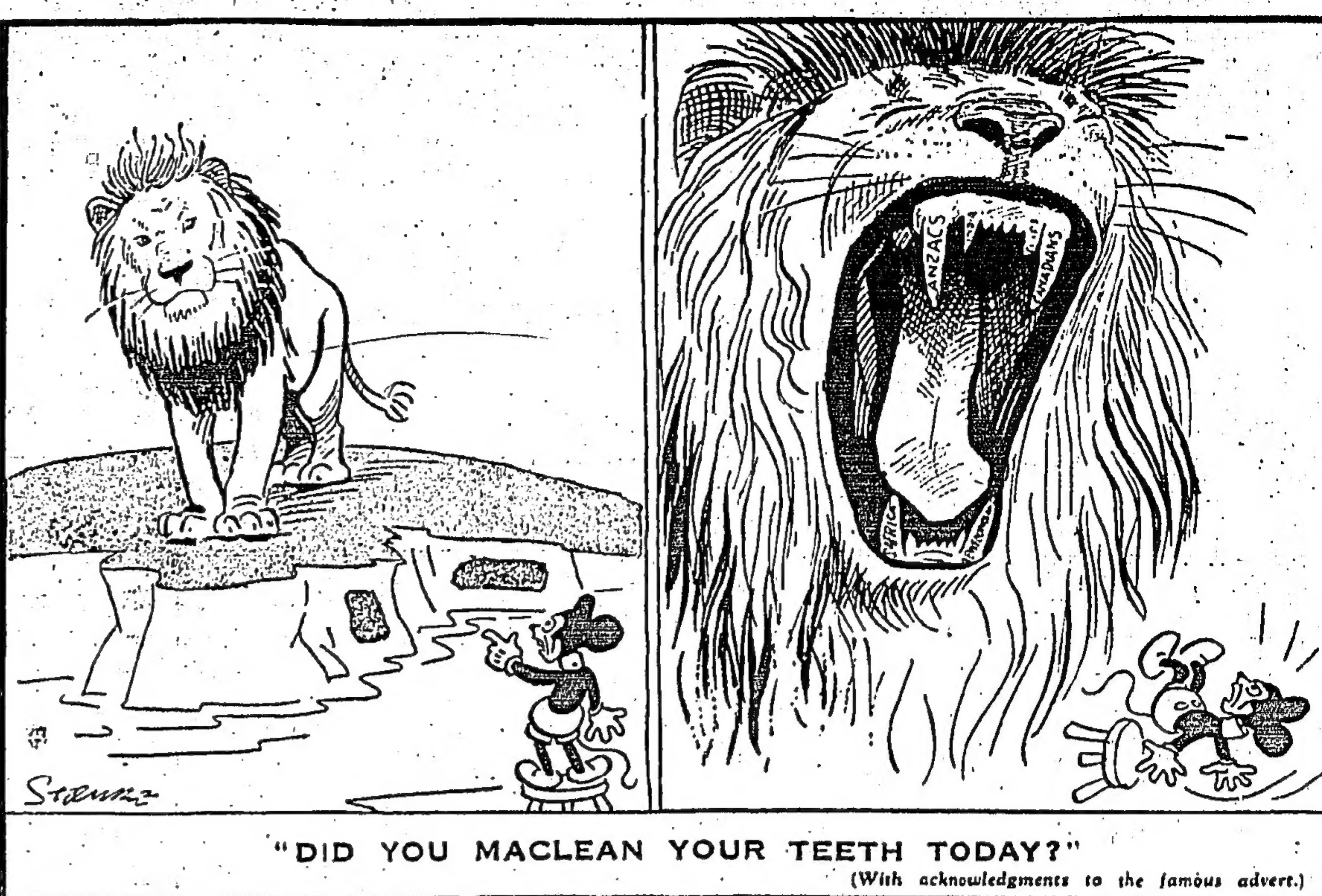
Films are bringing the Eng-
lish-speaking nations together.
We see America's films, Ameri-
ca sees British too.

The same pictures are shown
in London and New York and
Sydney; in the villages of Eng-
land, the plains of America, the
outback of Australia. Go to
Canada or South Africa or Cey-
lon: you will still see Ginger
Rogers and Clark Gable.

Consider the cinema as a
means of propaganda. During
the last war it helped to sustain
and uphold the morale of the
people, after the newspapers had
exhausted their utmost efforts.

Newspapers make the best
form of propaganda. But the
films come second. They are far
more effective than the radio.
Winged words from the radio
fall on the ear and are soon
forgotten, like snow-flakes fall-
ing on a flowing river.

The screen can be a pulpit.
Capra's films—"Mr. Deeds Goes
to Town," "You Can't Take It



TURKEY'S PART IN CHAMPIONING THE INTEGRITY OF THE BALKANS Two Fronts Open to the Threat of Aggression

THE Balkan Entente has un-
doubtedly been a factor for
peace between its members. It
has definitely dissipated all
animosities and all causes of
disagreement which previously
existed between Yugoslavia,
Rumania, Greece and Turkey.
No longer does the word
"Salonica" arouse national pas-
sions at Belgrade, or "Byzan-
tium" create excitement in
Athens, nor does there exist in
Turkey any irredentist feeling
regarding her lost provinces in
Europe.

The new methods of waging
war bring dangers to the
"exceptions" and render neces-
sary some provision for concert-
ed action at the first attack,
whether from within or outside
the Balkans. Failing it the
Entente States risk seeing
themselves treated in similar
fashion to their Baltic friends.
That action, predetermined,
would be more satisfactory than
the present situation is recog-
nised, but it is extremely doubt-
ful whether all the Balkan
States would feel themselves
free for the time being to agree
to any such change in their
present relationship.

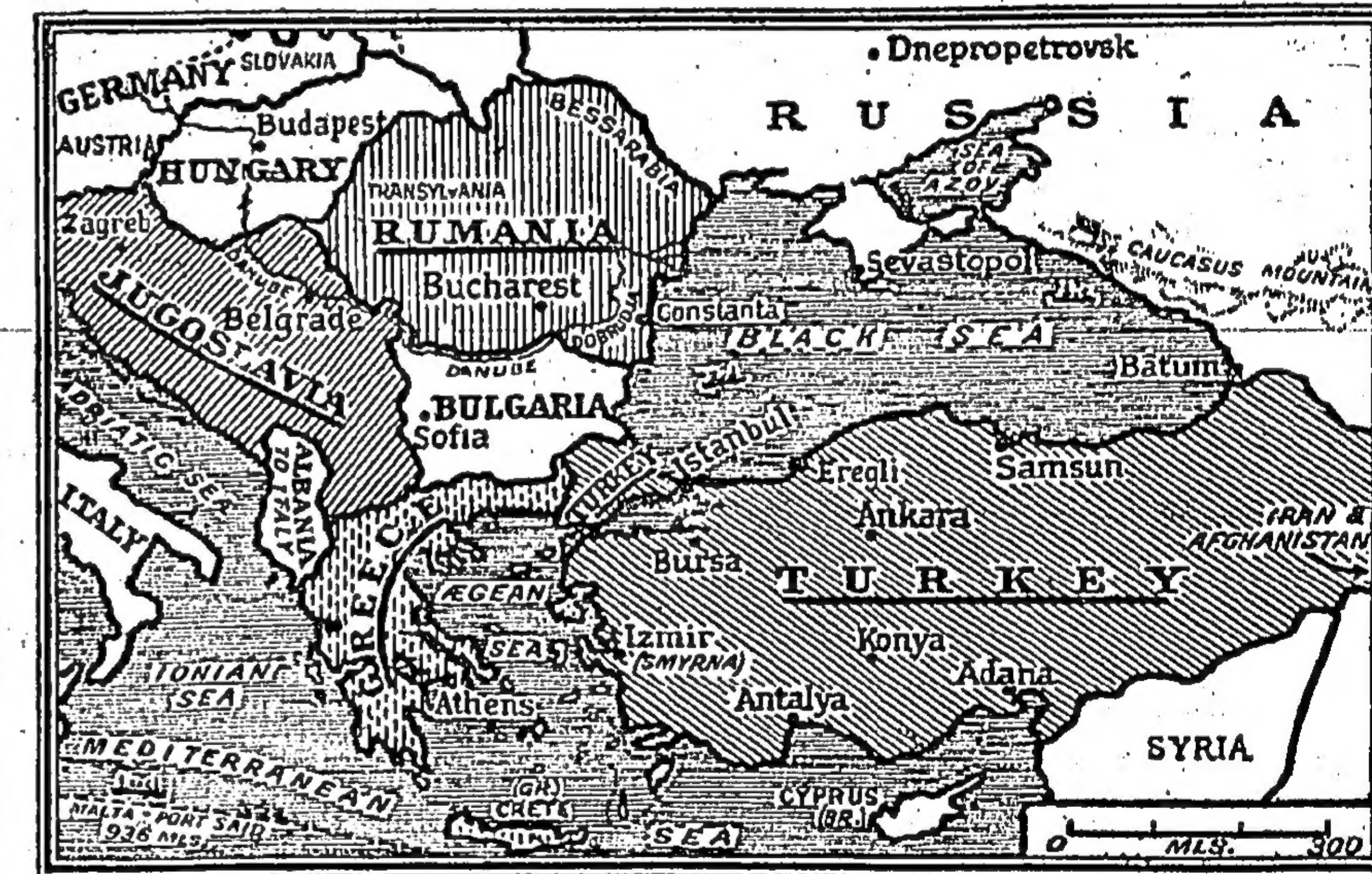
The situation, I find, is a
constant topic of conversation
at Ankara. Uncertainty whether
Germany and Russia are acting
in concert, in spite of appear-
ances at times of independent
action; whether Italy would
seize a German move into
Rumania as an opportunity to
occupy part of Yugoslavia, and
how the Allies propose to assist
Rumania under their guarantee,
adds to the complexity of the
outlook and causes a good deal
of anxiety.

IN THE CAUCASUS

Opinion as I have sounded it
seems unanimous that it is not
in Germany's interest to invade,
or encourage Russia to invade,
the Balkans, since she would
then lose the food, petrol and
other supplies she now obtains.
It is anticipated that, as in the
last war, the moment Germany
or Russia sets foot on Rumanian
soil the oil wells will be destroy-
ed. At least a year's work
would be necessary before
production could be resumed.
Furthermore, every Balkan

With You." "Mr. Smith Goes to
Washington"—all have a mes-
sage and a moral. They are
sermons in celluloid.

Of course, there is nothing
new in preaching being com-
bined with amusement. The
first stage plays in England
were the mystery plays, miracle
plays and morality plays of the
Middle Ages. They showed
stories from the Bible, legends
of the saints, and allegorical
tales with virtues and vices as
characters.



Turkey, in relation to Russia and the Balkan States.

Caucasus or Central Asia is re-
garded by many authorities as
out of the question. Russia
would have great difficulty in
carrying on a campaign so far
from her bases as Afghanistan
or Iran, even if in either country
the revolution broke out which
Russian and German agents are
so actively trying to promote,
and even if the Finnish cam-
paign permitted it.

An incursion by Russia into
Central Asia would, it is ad-
mitted, mean Turkey's abandon-
ment of the neutrality which her
traditional policy of friendship
with Moscow has dictated.

IS IT GERMAN BLUFF?

A Russian move into Iran is
a menace to Turkey; it may be
only indirect, but it is a menace
Turkey cannot afford to ignore.
It may be recalled that one of
the Russo-Turkish wars was due
to Russia's invasion of Iran.

Were the Straits then opened
to the Allied Fleets, Russia,
whose Black Sea fleet is negli-
gible, knows well that that means
the loss of Batumi by bombard-
ment from the sea as well as
attack by land by the Turks,
who would, in addition, harass

the return of the
Dobruja, which Rumania re-
ceived under the Neuilly Treaty
and declines to cede because she
would then have to admit Rus-
sia's claim to Bessarabia and
Hungary's Transylvania. To
allow these claims would leave
her relatively where she was in
1914. Bulgaria also demands
from Greece the return of De-
deagatch, with access to the
Aegean Sea. Her claim is far
from strong in this case, since
she never possessed the area for
long and there is practically no
Bulgarian population.

For some time Turkey has
been concentrating on a rap-
prochement between Rumania
and Bulgaria. She can plead
with Rumania from her own
bitter experience that it is
wiser to give way peacefully
than under war pressure. Tur-
key remembers that she refused
to cede Crete to Greece and then,
as a result of the Balkan War,
lost not only Crete but also a
large slice of her European
territory.

It has been suggested that if
Rumania would cede the lesser
PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

Meanwhile Turkey is concert-
ing measures to meet all even-
tualities. She is keeping a
careful watch on the Caucasus

Greater Activity On Western Front

PARIS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Yesterday was one of the busiest days for aerial activity yet reported.

The French sent several reconnaissance flights deep into Germany including three photographic missions specially engaged in work over the German lines. There was also an uninterrupted stream of fighters on patrol and protective work.

German fighters flew at high altitudes and patrols ranging in number from two to eight were sent out. German fighters were also active along the frontiers of Luxembourg and Belgium and they also made several flights into northern and western France.

In the North Sea, the British carried out a large number of flights and one German machine was stated to have been brought down.

BREACH OF NEUTRALITY

Technically Admitted By Allies

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—From all reports the German propaganda officials far outdo the Scandinavians in their indignation over the latest Allied move.

Here in London semi-official circles comment that it suits Germany to maintain that article of international law regarding territorial waters.

The rest of the Law vis-a-vis naval warfare, for instance, does not suit them. They have ignored it in the hope of damaging British trade with Norway.

The Allies have every sympathy with the difficult position of Sweden and Norway.

The new mine-fields are not directed against the neutrals, every care being taken to ensure that Norwegian ships are not prevented from reaching their own ports or any of the small villages along the coast.

The action is solely and entirely directed against Germany.

Breach Of Neutrality

It is admitted that the mine-fields represent a technical breach of neutrality but the rules of neutrality always rest on common acceptance.

If one side persistently disregards them, it cannot claim that they should be fully complied with by the other side. That is what Germany has been doing for some time.

The Allied governments have watched Germany's brutal attacks on neutrals, attacks which have hit Norway harder than anyone else.

They have hoped that Norway herself would stop the Nazi outrages against her but it has been made painfully clear that Norway cannot do so.

The Allies feel that they have been patient long enough.

German propagandists would have it that the Allies are threatening Scandinavia.

Will Act Swiftly

Official Allied circles make it clear that there is no threat and that neither Britain nor France are trying to extend the war to the northern countries.

At the same time it should be clearly understood that the Allies will act swiftly and decisively if Germany should take any military action directed against Scandinavia.

Similarly the Allies have informed Norway and Sweden that they would not be indifferent to a Soviet advance across Scandinavia and would regard unfavourably any German promise to help Scandinavia against Russia.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

A few deals were recorded but conditions generally were on the quiet side.

Buyers	
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$117 1/2
Docks Curr Hts.	\$21 1/2
H.K. & Hs.	\$10 1/2
H.K. Realities	\$4 1/2
H. & S. Hotels	\$3
Realities	\$4 1/2
H.K. Tramways	\$17.50
Dairy Farms	\$21 1/2
Wm. Powell	\$117 1/2
Entertainment	\$2.50
Sellers	
China Underwriters	\$0 cts.
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$117 1/2
Docks	\$21 1/2
H.K. Lands	\$37
H.K. Realities	\$4 1/2
H.K. Tramways	\$17 1/2
H.K. Electric	\$10 1/2
Telephone (Old)	\$23 1/2
Telephone (New)	\$10.50
Sales	
H.K. Banks	\$1.45
East Asia	\$21 1/2
Docks Curr Hts.	\$2.50
H.K. Lands	\$36 1/2
H.K. Realities	\$4 1/2
H.K. Tramways	\$17.50/75
Telephone (Old)	\$23 1/2
Dairy Farms	\$21 1/2
Watsons	\$2.15
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Bond	\$7
Manila Gold Shares	
Pa	
Atoka	13
Anulok	13
Baguio Gold	23
Batana	18 1/2
Buhay	18 1/2
Coco Grove	10 1/2
Consolidated Mines	10 1/2
East Mindanao	10
I	13
Ipo Gold	10 1/2
Ipon Mining	23
Consolidated Mines	10 1/2
Mindanao Motherlode	10 1/2
Mine Operation	10 1/2
North Samar	10 1/2
Paracale Cinnabar	18
San Mauricio	10 1/2
Consolidated Mines	10 1/2
Suyoy Consolidated	13
Syndicate Investment	13
Yuzon	25

"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

THE SEASON DRAWS TO AN END

Civil Service-Craigengower Mix-up: Champions Defeated By Club.

SINCE IT IS SO LATE in the season, it is most unfortunate that there was a misunderstanding on the part of the C.S.C.C. about their game with Craigengower which would have left them with only their Army game unplayed. They have, of course, been very unfortunate in the weather, but the fact remains that the organisation has rather broken down, chiefly owing to the great amount of Volunteer work that their captain has had to put in.

On paper if they can turn out everyone they want they have as good a side as anyone in the League. Yet they are bracketed at the bottom of the League table with University with one miserable point!

True they have two games to play but even if they played them and won them both they could only draw level with Craigengower who are fifth. I am beginning to think that this lack of organisation may have something to do with the fact that several of their leading players seem to be able to make runs—or take wickets—on all occasions when they are not playing for the C.S.C.C. It is to be hoped that things can be rectified next season when war routine has shaken down more.

Recreio Win

RECREIO were without Zinho and Gerry Gosano, and also altered their batting order, and promptly got shot out for 99 by the University. Mahmood did very well to take 5 wickets for 52. L. G. Gosano (31) and H. A. Barros (30) made more than half Recreio's total.

However, as has so often happened before, the Recreio's bowlers pulled them through, for only Matthews (27) and N. Singh (13) could get into double figures, while Ozorio (3/29), E. L. Gosano (3/27) and L. G. Gosano (3/7) put the side out for 93.

Champions Lose

THE K.C.C. had rather a weak team out against the Club. Teddy Fincher is still on the (cricket) injured list, and Mackay and Robert Lee were also away. The Club had a fair side out and it was considerably strengthened by the presence of Fay, whose bowling figures of 10-6-18-5 were remarkably good.

The Club batted and Owen Hughes was taken off his first ball—a long hop. However, John and Alec Pearce put on about 50, and after the former had gone for 31 runs Haymes came in to play a very nice clean innings of 54 not out.

The statisticians tell me that Alec Pearce, who got out having a bang when he had made 57, still requires four runs for his thousand, but of this I will write later. The Club declared at 174 for five wickets.

A POOR SHOW

Hung and Rapley soon fell to Fay and apart from Archie Zimmerman (33), E. F. Fincher (22) and F. J. Lay (17) no one made any show. Apart from

Fay, whose bowling I have already spoken, Owen Hughes collected 3 wickets for 23 runs.

Junior Division

THE I.R.C. had little difficulty in beating the Civil Service by five wickets and by their victory go to the top of the table.

They are, however, only a point ahead of Recreio, and have only one more match to play, whereas the King's Park side have two.

K. M. Rumjahn made 51 not out of the 99 runs they scored for 5 wickets while M. R. Abbas took 6 wickets for 20 runs. F. E. Lawrence made 36 for the Civil Service.

Sunday Cricket

THE K.C.C. lent their ground on Sunday last for a match between the Volunteer Officers and an Army team captained by M. Weedon.

The Army batted first and sadly missed Grose, who was not playing. Young (30), Holmes (22) and Hatfield 22 were the principal scorers in the rather poor score of 125. For the Club Anderson made 55, Alec Pearce just made his four necessary runs before Anderson ran him out!

1000 RUNS

IT IS PERHAPS not very frequently that 1,000 runs are made in a season. I confess I cannot speak with any certainty about pre-war cricket, in the early days of Dick and Harry Hancock, the Dixons and Tam Pearce.

The first thousand I can recall was made by Sonny Wood in the days when the C.S. used to win the Shield! Never a really good bat he had that one amazing season. Bill Bruce did it at least once and I dare say there are several more. This year Anderson and Alec Pearce have done it, but I have an idea that the former has played more innings.

HIS OLD FORM

THE VOLUNTEERS only made 142, and it was pleasant to see Hatfield show a flash of his old form. He had no wickets for 21 and then proceeded to take 6 for 30—including a hat-trick. The game was, I learn a most enjoyable one.

Junior Game

I HAVE seen statements that the Police—R.A.F. game on Sunday last was not a League Game, and also that it was! At the time of writing I have not been able to check up on it. The Police won comfortably and

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soccer Ticket "Racket"

Sir,—I endorse absolutely the statement made by Y. K. Chan regarding the defence put up by your Correspondent "Rex" in the ramp in tickets. Furthermore, in the same article by "Rex", I charge that your correspondent is either biased or a camp follower of the Eastern Club. In stating that South China usually import players from the outside to augment their versatility is correct to a certain extent. Who can blame a Club for garnering talent?

Now if "Rex" will only look at the line up of the Eastern team, how many imported players can he name? I can at least off-hand name five or six, all of whom were specially imported from Shanghai. Take Hsu King-sing, Lau Chi-tsang, Chung Kam-hoi, Cheng Ying-kuen, Chung Yung-sun. Can you refute my assertion that these players are not imported?

It is well that your Correspondent stick to the side of writing about a game without any bias, and always to give credit where credit is due. In all, if not most of his write-ups of games played between Eastern and other Clubs, it has always been Eastern on top, and to all intents and purposes, and from reading between his lines, Eastern must be his "pet" subject. "REX" had better stick to the art of writing than to the team. Let your pen lead the way and not your sentiments. FAIR PLAY.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuters).—The following were the results of football matches played in the Home Regional Leagues:

SOUTH "C"			
Millwall	3	Portsmouth	4
West Ham	2	Arsenal	1
Scottish			
WESTERN			
Airdrie	1	Hamilton	1
EASTERN			
Dundee	2	Dunfermline	2
King's Park	2	Dundee U.	1

this may put them level with K.C.C. If it was a league game. But Recreio still have a match in hand.

Rest Of League

I HEAR, on good authority, that it is proposed to play the K.C.C.—Rest of the League on Saturday next. I have not yet seen the side picked for the Rest, but I was very sorry to hear Grose could not play.

Referring to a point which cropped up in talk, it is my recollection that the League authorities have always chosen a team, and have not in the past asked Club secretaries to submit suggestions as to the players who were considered by them as candidates from their particular Clubs. On the whole I think it is as good a plan as any.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 20th April, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 11th April, 1940.

By Order,

C. R. BROWN,
Secretary.

T.A. PEARCE AND FAY BEAT KWOK AND LIANG

Tsui Yun-pui Enters Singles Quarter-finals

ONLY TWO MATCHES were played in the Colony Tennis Tournament at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday. In the Doubles, T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay beat F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, and in the Singles, Tsui Yun-pui entered the quarter-finals, beating R. G. Beisel, jr., in straight sets—6-2, 6-0.

Tsui had little to worry him, and displayed his usual excellent control with both forehand and backhand. His drives which found the far corners were particularly delightful. Beisel had only a fairly strong backhand to his credit—his forehand, volleying and overhead being generally weak.

The doubles match was more even. Following the first set, which was won by Kwok and Liang, it was anybody's game. Fay's freedom of strokes and hard-hitting, combined with Pearce's good over-head work saw them often at the net where they found points easy to get.

The Chinese pair, to a certain extent, cracked in the second set, and in the final set were completely outplayed.

To-day's Programme

OPEN SINGLES

Leung Ping-chiu v. Tsui Wai-pul.

Golf

WOMEN'S COMPETITION REALISES \$171 FOR B.W.O.F.

THE ECLECTIC COMPETITION of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, in aid of the British War Organisation Fund, realised \$171.60, which represented 572 cards taken out at 30 cents per card.

The prize which was kindly given by Lady Northcote, was won by Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie, her score reading 64-104=53%. This score was closely followed by Mrs. Blair with 71-174=53%. Mrs. Collis with a card of 91-20=71 qualified for the Captain's Cup.

MEDAL COMPETITIONS

The Club Medal competitions were held on March 5 and resulted in a win for Mrs. W. M. A. Smalley in the Silver Division with a score of 97-17=80, and for Mrs. Blair in the Bronze Division with a card of 101-28=73.

The Glover Cup entry list will remain open until the end of April, because owing to alterations in hand at Happy Valley, the first round cannot be played before May.

A Scotland versus the Rest match

Volunteers Participate In H.K.R.A. Meeting At Stonecutters

OVER SIXTY MEMBERS of the Hongkong Rifle Association attended last Saturday's spoon and practice shoot at Stonecutters' Ranges.

There were quite a number of Volunteers, mostly from the Portuguese Company, in the Open Sight section which was topped by Mnc. S. Croft, of the Naval Range Staff, with 89. Mr. A. L. Warburton, of the Dockyard Rifle Club topped the Aperture Sight section with 95 and secured the nett spoon.

There will be a spoon and practice shoot and revolver shoot at Kowloon City Range to-morrow, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

Leading scores on Saturday were:

Aperture Sight			
Mr. A. L. Warburton	2	27	25
Mrs. S. Croft	1	23	20
Mrs. G. F. Berris	1	22	20
Mrs. W. Trenouth	1	22	20
Mrs. L. C. P. Carey	1	21	20
Mrs. J. A. Guard	1	21	20
Mrs. W. K. Gillman	1	21	20
Mrs. J. S. Blake	1	21	20
Mrs. H. G. Foreman	1	21	20
Mrs. L. D. M. Bateman	1	21	20
Mrs. C. A. Ivett	1	21	20
Mrs. F. R. L. Carey	1	21	20
Mrs. J. S. Mitchell	1	21	20
Open Sight			
Mrs. S. Croft	1	27	25
Mrs. C. M. Dias Azedo	1	26	23
Mrs. V. M. Hammond	1	26	23
Mrs. M. S. Gutierrez	1	26	23
Mrs. V. A. Da Cruz-Sequeira	1	26	23
Mrs. A. M. Xavier	1	26	23
Mrs. G. A. Ribeiro	1	26	23
Mrs. J. S. Fletcher	1	26	23
Mrs. J. D. Remedios	1	26	23
Mrs. H. A. Evans	1	26	23
Mrs. G. H. H. Fox	1	26	23
Mrs. J. M. M. Alves	1	26	23

Hockey

Mixed Seven-a-side Tournament

The St. Andrew's Club will hold a mixed Seven-a-Side Hockey tournament on Saturday, April 27, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park.

The tournament will be followed by a dinner-dance at 7.30 p.m. All hockey enthusiasts of the Club are requested to turn out for both functions. Mrs. J. R. Higgs, wife of St. Andrew's Vicar, will present souvenir prizes to the winners of the hockey tournament.

F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

TICKET FORGERIES CONSIDERED

Selling Outside Ground May Be Made Illegal

THE SELLING of spurious tickets with forged Government stamps outside football grounds received the attention of the Football Association Council at their meeting yesterday. The Chairman, Mr. W. Pryde, acknowledged the seriousness of the situation and said that means would have to be devised whereby the public got a fair deal.

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun stated that a man had been arrested in connection with the discovery of a number of forged tickets, and Legislation was being considered whereby people selling tickets outside the grounds would be liable to prosecution.

Mr. Pryde referred to criticism regarding the large allotment of seats to South China and Eastern in the Shield final, and stated that it had been agreed by the Association that South China and Eastern should have first call on seating accommodation. It was also agreed that at least half the covered and uncovered stands would be left for the Public.

Mr. Hollands said there were 50 unsold tickets on the morning of the match. Mr. Skinner said there were actually 22, which were returned to the ground and sold to the Public.

Replying to a query regarding the sale of complimentary tickets, Mr. Goldenberg, Secretary, said South China had over 40 hawkers with passes. These were cancelled by the Association, and nine others issued.

One of the nine hawkers was caught trying to dispose of his ticket. This was cancelled and the man arrested.

A sub-committee comprising Mr. Pryde, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun and Mr. Goldenberg was formed to go into the matter.

Fifty per cent of the net receipts were paid to Macao in the recent interport match, but the Chairman said that the cost of the interport dinner was more than the Association's share.

The final of the Lai Wah Cup will be played on Sunday, Major Gen. and Mrs. Grasett will be present and the Cup presented by Mrs. Grasett.

UNSAFE STANDS
A letter from the Hongkong Area Sports Board asking for a contribution to the cost of the stands at Sookunpo was rejected.

Mr. Hollands said he had previously drawn the attention of the Council to the state of the stands at Sookunpo, and the match should never have been played there. He suggested the Council enquire when the stands were last renovated or overhauled.

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun said that if the stands were unsafe before the match the responsibility did not fall on the Association.

The gates of the ground had to be closed before the start of the China Scotland International Charity Cup competition on March 25 owing to

the unsafe state of the uncovered stand.
Messrs. Wong Ka-tsun, J. Skinner and Lt. H. S. Cooper were elected to the sub-committee to allot the \$6,000 from the Sunday Herald cup to charities.

PROTEST
A letter from South China regarding the junior shield match against the Royal Engineers was read. In the letter Mr. W. H. Chen stated that he had been directed by his committee to lodge in the most vigorous terms, a complaint and protest at the manner in which the game was handled by the referee.

The letter expressed the opinion that the referee was completely lacking in his control of the game and questioned his competency in handling a game of such importance. It also referred to the penalty kick against South China, which, it is alleged, was a definite error by the referee.

Mr. Chen said South China were abiding by the decision of the referee but were protesting on the grounds that the referee should have been neutral, according to the rules governing Shield matches. South China were playing an Army team, and an Army man was placed in charge of the game.

The Chairman said he agreed with Mr. Chen regarding the handling of the match by the referee, and he sympathised with him in the matter. He agreed to write to the Referee's Association regarding neutral referees.

Strong Army XI To Play Chinese In Lai Wah Cup Final

ARMY will field a very powerful eleven against the Chinese in the final of the Lai Wah Cup football competition on the Club ground on Sunday, April 14, commencing at 4 p.m.

The Army team is as follows: Cpl. Duncan (Royal Scots), Pte. McManis (Royal Scots), Pte. McManis (Middlesex), Sgt. Freshwater (Middlesex), Pte. Bright (Middlesex) and Pte. Wilkinson (Middlesex). The Chinese team consists of: Gordon (Royal Scots), Sgt. Fox (Royal Engineers), Pte. Fleming (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Duffell (R.A.C.). Reserves: Pte. Reynolds (R.A.C.), Pte. Hogg (R.A.C.), Pte. Shaw (Middlesex) and Cpl. Martin (R.A.C.).



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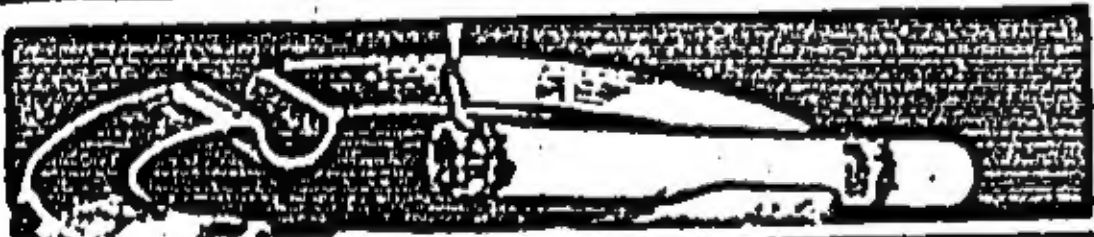
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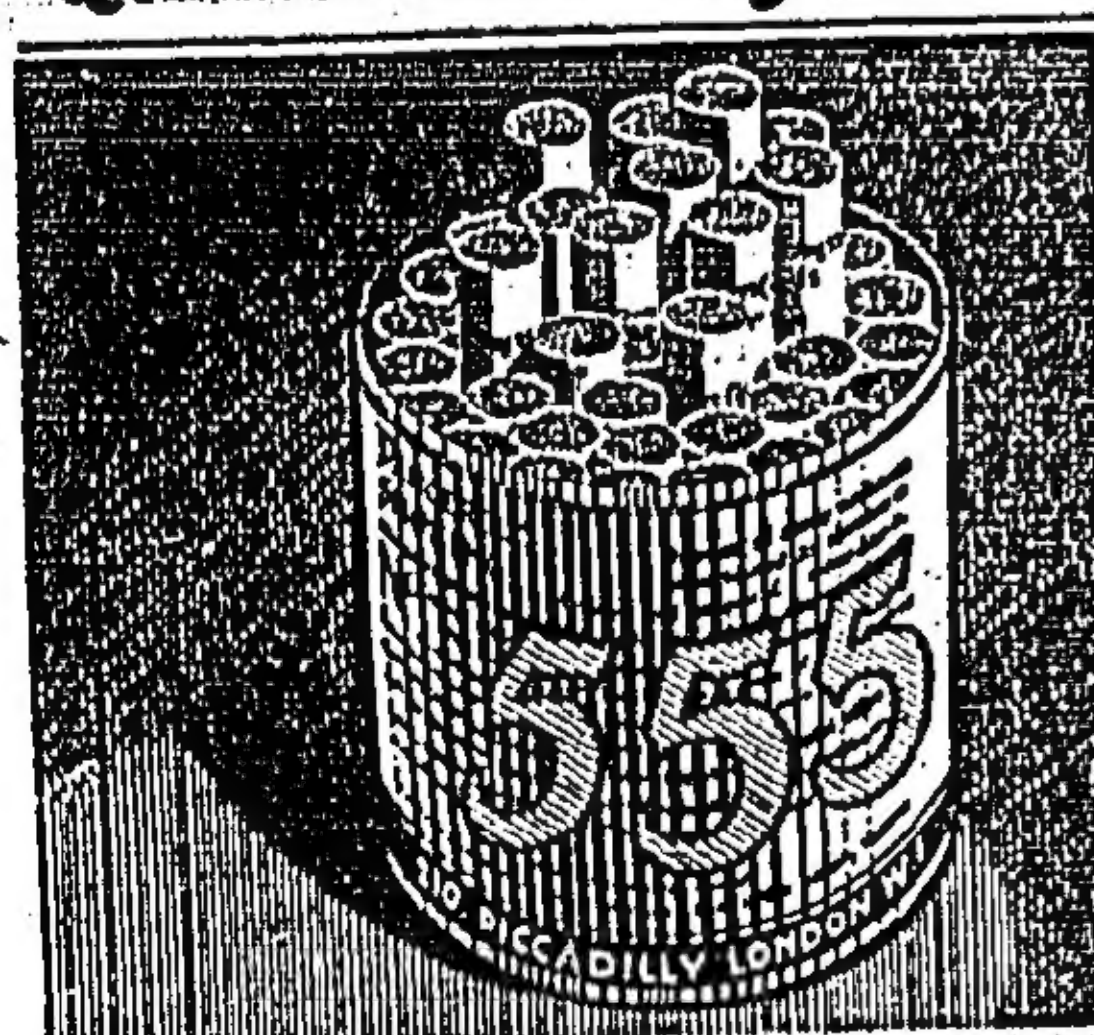
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ANDY HARDY GETS SPRING FEVER

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by BEATRICE FABER

AT THE auditorium door, Rose Meredith bade the last of the "actors," good night. She had already telephoned the light company and everything would be fixed by morning. Then she turned. "Last as usual, Andy?"

"I guess so." He leaned against the wall. "Gee, it was a terrible show, wasn't it?"

She spoke comfortingly. "You know what they say about bad dress rehearsals. It means the show will be good."

"MMhmm." Then he leaned forward and there was desperation in his face. "Rose, will ya let me ask a favour?"

She didn't reprove him for the "Rose" this time. He hadn't even known he had said it.

"Lemme walk home with you to-night," he begged.

She looked at him knowing that he was waiting for the sick, awful disappointment of her "no." Then she said, quite impersonally "all right. Let's go."

They sauntered down the street and suddenly they were at the Carvel Park Gardens with its white fountain all silvery in the moonlight. Andy looked up at the sky. "Gee, it's a swell night."

She quoted softly. "How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this land."

Look how the floor of heaven is thick laid with patines of bright gold.

He was staring at her, fascinated. "You know," he said huskily, "I used to think Shakespeare was all a bunch of junk. But when you say it, it sounds different."

His face clouded with honest perplexity. "Now isn't that peculiar?" Suddenly he reached up to the braid wreath above them and shook the blossoms in her hair.

"You look beautiful like that," he gazed at her in wild worship and said hoarsely, "I wish it was orchids."

"Why, I think this is a lot nicer. Orchids are a little obvious don't you think? They cost a lot of money, yes, but there's more poetry to these."

"I never thought of that before." His face twisted and suddenly he seized her hand. "Gee, will I ever again meet anybody like you? Gee, when I'm grown up, suppose I only meet the girl kind? I want somebody like you, Rose." He bent suddenly and kissed her hand.

There was pity in her eyes. "Andy dear," she said casually, "let's sit down on the bench."

They faced the pool with its water lilies floating on the surface.

"Are you going to lecture me?" Andy asked.

"Why, I think that would be very unkind."

"Then—can I talk? And can I be sure that you won't laugh at me?"

"Have I ever?"

He shook his head and tried to still his young pounding heart. "That's one of the things I like about you. Well," he didn't dare look at her, "Rose, can you believe anybody my age can be in love?"

"Yes—I can."

His voice was stentorian. He was speaking almost like a grown man.

"I want to get a job this summer. Rose, start earning my own living. I'm younger than you, but you're not much older than me. What I want to know is—'He set his jaw and struggled on.' Could

I have any kind of a chance with you?"

She groped for the right thing to say. "You're a very attractive boy, Andy, but my dear, there are so many barriers between you and me."

"But you like me. I know you do. Oh don't you understand?" he cried. "I'm trying to ask you to marry me." With trembling fingers he brushed back a lock of hair.

"It's kind of an important step to take, isn't it? I mean, I've never thought about marrying before. And I've never asked anybody before, either."

"Thank you for the compliment, Andy," she said slowly, "but I must be honest with you."

He jumped up. "Don't don't. I know what you're going to say. I've struck one last with the other. 'Why did I have to be born younger'?"

"Andy, listen to me. I won't go on with the play. I'll hop a freight out of town. I'll do anything but stay here. I won't stay here."

She rose and grasped his arms and gave him a little shake. "Now stop that." He was quite still and she smiled at him. "Don't ever try and fool me, that you'd be a quitter. Five hundred people are coming to see us to-morrow night and we're going to give them the best show we can. But we won't do it if we get confused and emotional and tied into knots to-night."

"I know—"

"Listen Andy, to-morrow night after the play's over, I want a few minutes with you alone. I want to tell you a story, Andy, and then you must make your own answer to the question you asked me to-night." She put out her hand. "Is it a deal?"

He grasped her fingers. "Ok," he said quietly. "It's a deal."

She turned away from him. "Now I'm going down the path to my house, alone. I want to think. Goodnight Andy."

When she was out of sight, he began to plod homewards. But as he was walking up the front steps he realized feverishly that he must talk to Dad again. Now he had something really im-

portant to say, now there was a decision to be made.

As usual at this hour, the Judge was in his den. This time Andy wasted no time in coming to the point. "Dad," he said directly, "I decided it was only fair to tell you—I'm making some plans for the future."

From the heaviness of his own heart, the Judge forced a smile. "Come young fellow sit down. Now then, what plans?"

Quickly, Andy told him. He was going to get a job. He had a few things in view and he had decided not to finish high school. College, of course, was completely out. There were more important things than that in life.

The Judge stroked his chin nervously. "Well, maybe you're right Andy. Handling this, he realised, was going to be touch and go. "May I ask why you're making these changes?"

"I want to get married."

"I see. Well, Andy, your mother's going to ask this so I might as well. To whom?"

"Rose Meredith."

"Hm." The Judge digested this gravely. "She's a nice young lady, of course, but don't you think the difference in your ages—"

Andy got up and began to pace the floor. "Look Dad, what's a difference of five or six years? I'm pretty near seventeen and she's twenty-three. I'm thinking of the future when we're both past thirty settled down to grow old gracefully together."

The Judge's eyes were serious but warm with affection. "Andrew, listen to me a moment. Do you want to take on premature responsibilities? Do you want to grow up suddenly, instead of wisely? Do you want to make that transition in one foolish leap?"

"The sooner you get married, the sooner you grow up."

"Thousands of young people have tried that theory and crippled themselves for life."

"I don't know what you mean," Andy muttered.

"Oh yes you do. At forty you don't want to find that you were trapped into being an adult, you don't want your life filled with the bitterness and tragedy that passes through my courtroom every day, you don't."

Andy stepped back as if he were at bay. "Dad I do know what you mean but it's just as though something inside me keeps saying, 'he's wrong, he's wrong, don't listen.'"

The Judge's gaze held infinite pity. "I know what that voice is. It's Springtime."

Andy's face was long with misery. "I guess this is once you and I just don't hear each other Dad. But you're a swell guy and—"

"When are you going to ask the young lady?" The Judge held his breath. Maybe he'd been wrong about that girl. Maybe this was one of those things that he wasn't going to have any way about, after all.

"I did. To-night. She's gonna answer me to-morrow night."

"Andy, I hope—that no one gets hurt."

"Andy's smile was tender and far off. "Oh I wouldn't hurt her." Then he looked at his father. "Gee, I wish it was to-morrow night."

"Andrew, Andrew," the Judge cried, "A year from now you'll remember this moment and you'll wish you'd tried to see it my way."

Swiftly, Andy went to the door. He turned once. "Goodnight Dad," he said sorrowfully and moved toward the stairs.

Long past midnight, Judge Hardy was still sitting there in his den. Andy, the board meeting—it was all jumbled together in nightmare.

Toward dawn the door opened softly and his wife stood there. She came to him and put her hand on his head. "What's wrong, dear?"

"Everything." His voice was thick. Then he began to speak in a miserable confession. "Emily, I've been a fool. I smelled some lilacs in bloom and I got to dreaming. For the first time in my life I got greedy."

"I don't see any harm in that," was the staunch reply.

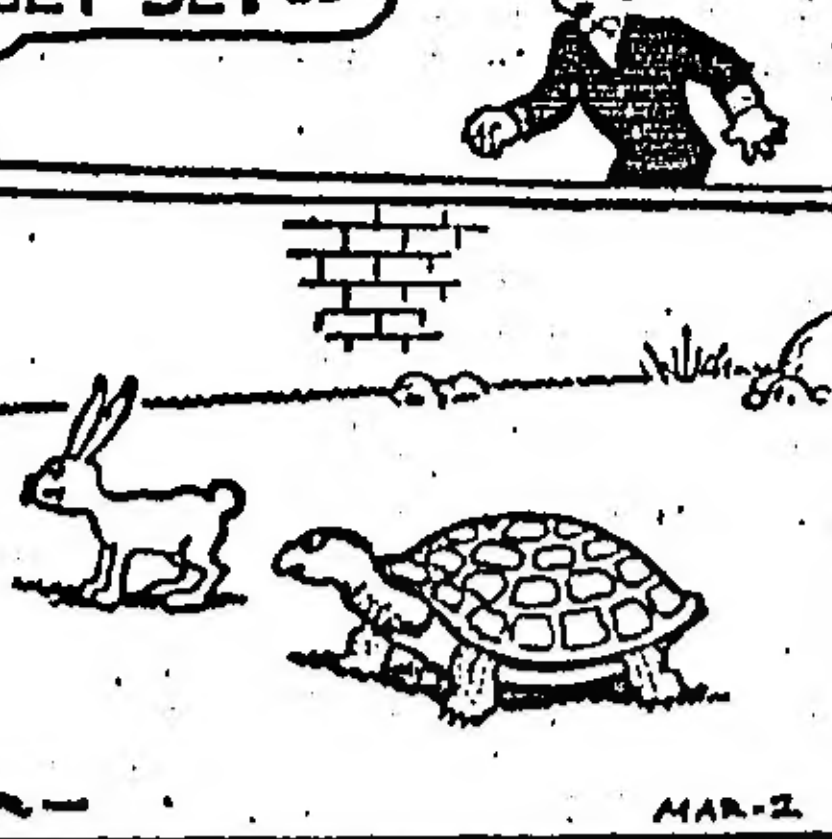
"But I've lost a lot of money. And you know how hard it is and how long it takes us to save. Half of it belongs to you and I've lost it. But that isn't the worst. I've led others in this town in with good faith because I endorsed the deal. And there's no way of paying them back their money. He bent on brokenly. "We don't have enough. Yet I'm responsible."

"James dear," she said, "there's always to-morrow. There's always another chance, another opportunity, to find some way out."

He groaned.

By Ernie Bushmiller

GET ON YOUR MARK—GET SET—



"Does it? Suppose you come with me and see. She drew him to the window. Outside, far, far to the east, the sky had paled to a shimmering grey. "Darkest before dawn, darling. "Then you—think I can figure it out?" He was begging for her belief. "Think? I know. Of course you can."

SOME hours later he was on his way to the Court-house. So deep in thought was he that he hardly noticed Don Davis' greeting until the man's second try. Don button-holed him.

"Say listen Judge, I'm a member of the Citizens Protest Committee and we need some legal advice."

"Protest Committee for what?"

"We're going to raise a little Cain with the Public Works Committee in the charge of the road building campaign."

"Why?"

"Well, Here we're paying expensive taxes for all this work to be done and you know what that Adams discovered? That that dumb committee is importing gravel—got that—bringing gravel in from another county to be used on our roads at a price that'll make your hair curl."

The Judge was thoughtful. "Bringing in gravel?"

"You'd think they were buying gold dust the money they're paying out. And who pays the bills? We do, the taxpayers."

"Did you say—gravel?" Judge Hardy asked in a curiously judged voice.

"Why yes." And then Don thought the Judge had clean gone crazy. "Say—what the—"

"Gravel!" the Judge yelled and he began to wave his arms like a madman. Then, without a word he turned around and began running back to his house, his coat tails flying behind him in the breeze. For one hour he toiled feverishly over his law books.

Then he left the house to pay a few visits. His first stop was at the headquarters of the Protest Committee. Next he went to the Public Works Bureau of the Town Council. And finally, it was time for the Board Meeting of the Carvel Aluminum Corporation.

Standing at the head of the directors' table, he faced the men who had been his partners in the venture. "Gentlemen," he said gravely, though for the first time in days, his heart was light. "Mr. Willis and Mr. Hansen having been called out of town, it is my unpleasant duty to bring you bad news."

"Bad news, Judge?" Benedict asked suspiciously.

"The City of Carvel has issued us an ultimatum. Either we sell the aqueduct property to the town for its nominal value as a source of gravel or the town will condemn the property and take it over."

That was the idea he had worked out in his den and the Public Works Bureau had heartily endorsed it. It remained now to convince these men that it was the only thing to do.

But all five of his partners immediately started an uproar. Higginbotham was ready to tear the town apart. Anderson wanted to fight. Miller yelled that they'd carry it clear to the Supreme Court.

"Just a minute boys," Benedict said quietly. "Frankly, I'd agree to fight to protect our money by fair means or foul if," he turned to the Judge and smiled, "if you weren't in this with us Judge. Isn't that right men?" There was a hesitant murmur of assent. "I don't think any of us wants to see honest Jim Hardy fighting the payers of Carvel."

Judge Hardy moistened his dry lips. "That's a mighty fine sentiment—but now he forced the truth from himself, "gentlemen, what I have just told you is true—but it's based on a lie. I've been trying to save my own face but I can't go through with it. Willis and Hansen have disappeared and taken our seventeen thousand dollars with them."

There was a gasp of horror. "But what about the chemist's recipe?" Benedict demanded. "The land has eight per cent. of aluminum."

The Judge nodded. "I checked that yesterday with a friend of mine in the State University. The entire surface of the earth is eight per cent. aluminum." But it's commercially impractical to extract it."

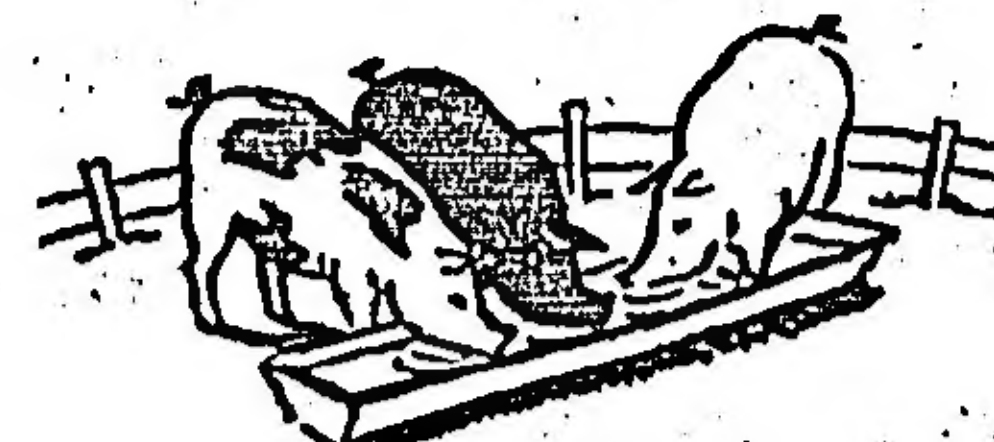
"Well, I'll be flugged," Higginbotham gasped.

Judge Hardy wiped his forehead. "The town will buy the land for gravel. We've been saved by the skin of our teeth."

"Buy nothing of the kind," Benedict said warmly. "You can't tell me you didn't dig up that idea of selling to the city."

The others heartily backed Benedict up. Then they rallied round

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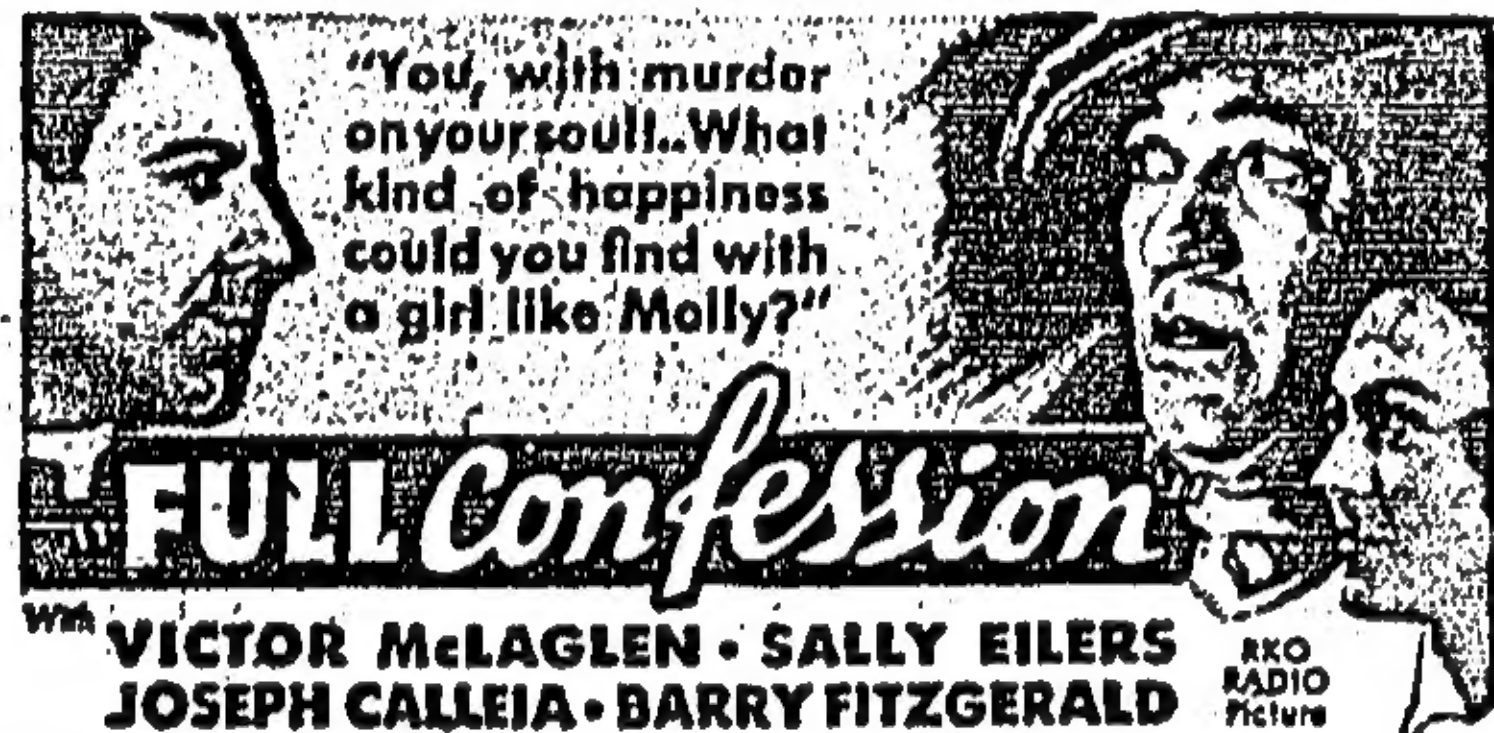
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HANS ALBERT LINDL is British. His father is German, his mother is English. And both his parents and one brother live in Germany, where Hans, now 24, and liable for military service, was brought up and educated.

Hans, who lives in Stormont-road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, and is a clerk in a paint factory, went before the South-Eastern Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal yesterday, says a Homeside reporter.

He set them the most difficult problem any tribunal has yet had to solve.

BORN IN ENGLAND

His objection to defending Britain could hardly be said to rest on simple conscientious grounds.

For, to judge from what he said, neither he nor his parents had any love for Hitlerism.

Five years ago they all decided to come to England, where Hans was born. Hans' father, however, was not allowed to leave. And his wife decided it was her duty to remain with him.

Hans didn't want to fight for Hitler. How could he fight against people of his own race, his mother's people?

But to stay meant to fight.

Judge's Question

He decided that in England, where a man has a right to state his case, a right to criticize, he might escape Army service, if war came, on the grounds of a conscientious objection. His other brother came to England, too. He is in Leeds.

After all, argued Hans, could anyone ask him to fight against his brother in Germany, his father, or his father's people?

For nearly five years he had no cause to put that theory to the test. Then came the war, conscription, and the call up... and yesterday older men than Hans puzzled their heads over it.

"If you felt so strongly against fighting for England because your people were in Germany, why didn't

you go back and rejoin them?" Judge Davies, the chairman, asked him.

Hans replied, "I thought my double nationality and divided loyalties would exempt me from military service."

What Do You Think

He pleaded: "I cannot help in the destruction of my people."

HONGKONG AVIATRIX



MISS LEE YA-CHING, the Hongkong aviatrix, photographed on her arrival in New York after a flight from Wichita. She is headed for a 25,000-mile air trip to South America as part of a fund-raising drive for Chinese refugees.

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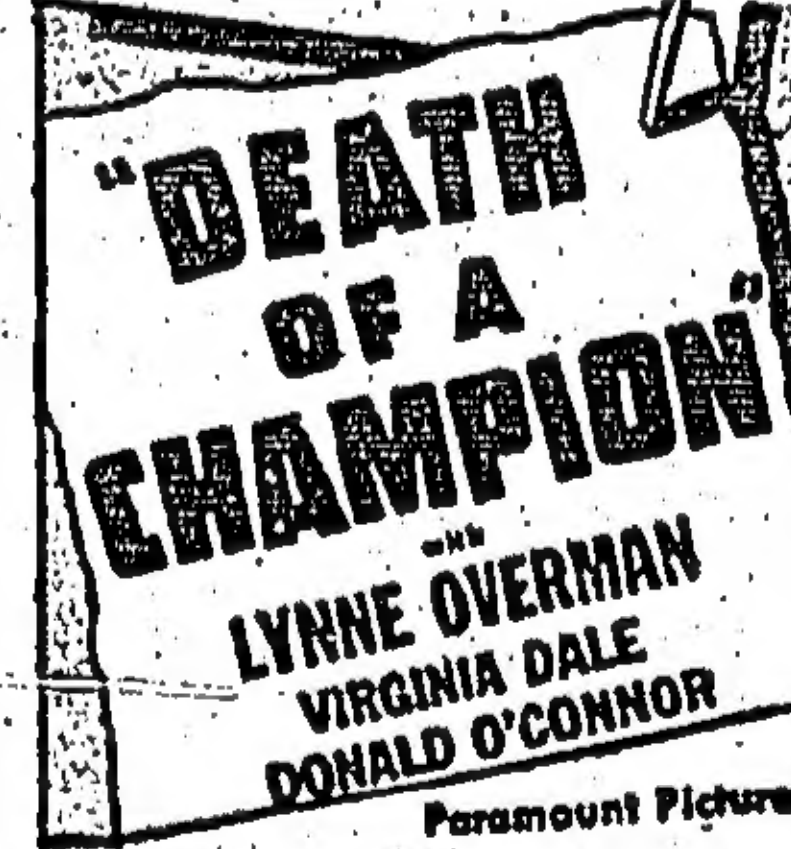
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What they
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LONDON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 9 (UP).—"The Lion Awakes." This is the heading given to to-day's Editorial in the "Evening News," in commenting on the Allied decision to mine Norwegian waters.

"The free nations of the world will see the British Lion awakened at last, and awakened with a welcome roar," the paper states. "They will see the Allies no longer ready to stand idly on one side while the Nazis browbeat weaker neutrals into aiding, and abetting Hitler's defiance of all International Law and human decency."

"We may sympathise with the Norwegians. But they have not the power to withstand or resist the German pirates."

"They even have to assist in the piracy."

"The 'Aften Bladet,' organ of the Peoples Party, says: 'This is a serious violation of Norwegian neutrality.'

It expresses the opinion that Germany may retaliate by mining the west coast of Sweden in an attempt to halt all Swedish trade with Britain."

OSLO, Apr. 8. (UP).—"The 'Sjofarfa Tidende' says: 'Protests are no longer useful. We must act on the basic situation.'

COPENHAGEN
COPENHAGEN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—"You can hardly believe that such a blow to the independence of small nations could come from a country that has always valued the right of independence on her standard," writes the "Ekstra-Bladet."

ROME
ROME, Apr. 8. (Reuter).—"The evening papers declare that the Allied action of mine-laying in Norwegian waters is a breach of Norwegian neutrality."

Thus the "Tribuna," commenting briefly, says: "The British, who protested against Germany's mine warfare, describing it as 'barbarous' have to-day adopted the same arm against a neutral country."

NEW YORK
LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—"An editorial on neutrality appeared in the New York 'Herald Tribune' to-day."

The editorial says that if the Allied pressure should ever become severe to a point of forcing the Scandinavians out of their neutral position it will be worth bearing the following two points in mind:

1.—The whole law of neutrality presupposes a limited and restricted war but in a very real sense this is not a limited war. Not only is it being fought on an economic front throughout the world but every nation in Europe knows that it is going to be intimately affected by the outcome.

2.—Only the defeat of Germany holds out any hope of ever re-establishing any effective rule of International Law at all. If in compensating that defeat the Allies

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, APRIL 8 (UP).—ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN ISSUED BY EITHER THE BRITISH OR NAZI ADMIRALTIES, IT NOW APPEARS THAT REPORTS OF A BIG NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE SKAGER RAK ARE CONFIRMED.

EARLY REPORTS ANNOUNCE A BRITISH NAVAL VICTORY, THE GERMAN LOSSES BEING A WARSHIP, TWO U-BOATS AND A NUMBER OF AIRPLANES.

The battle appears to have been the initial clash following the departure of the German Fleet from its base at Kiel.

A Norwegian ship has arrived at Lillesand with fifty German and British survivors of the battle. Most of the survivors are from two Nazi U-Boats, which appear to have been early victims in the encounter.

The pilot of the ship said they had narrowly escaped the battle, which took place in the Skager Rak. Part of the ship's side was blown away.

A large number of bodies are being washed ashore at Kristiansand.

Nazi Fleet Off Norway

Unconfirmed reports from Stockholm state that the German Fleet is expected to arrive off the Norwegian coast at 7 p.m. It is confirmed that the Nazi warships have passed through the Danish Straits.

An Extra Edition of the "Allied Press" quotes reports from Copenhagen stating that the German fleet intends to mine the Skagerak from the Norwegian coast to Denmark, thus blocking all trade between Copenhagen and other ports on the Swedish coast with the Atlantic or North Sea.

A report from Narvik states that two Norwegian submarines moved out towards Westford this morning. Two Norwegian battleships are still at their berths but smoke is pouring out of their funnels indicating that they are raising steam preparatory to moving.

Armada Proceeding Up Coast

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—It is now confirmed that between 80 and 100 German warships have been sighted steaming northwards in the Kattegat and the Great Belt.

The armada includes several large warships, in addition to auxiliary craft and armed trawlers.

Reports from Oslo state that big warships, nationality not stated, were sighted this morning off Bud, on the west coast of Norway, and south of Trondheim.

Big warships were also seen from Hvalstad, just north of Bud.

Five steamers were stopped in this area.

It is reported from Bodoe, in north-west Norway, that ordinary coastal traffic has been sighted proceeding northwards through the Kattegat.

Fear British Propaganda

American Newspapers Chary Of Articles

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Alfred Duff Cooper, former First Lord of the Admiralty and War Minister, speaking in London to-day after his return from a lecture tour of the United States, said that since the outbreak of war he had found it impossible to place an article in American newspapers.

Americans were interested in Mr. Lealle Hore-Bellish's resignation, but Mr. Hore-Bellish was also unable to place an article in U.S. Press, so strong was the American fear of doing English propaganda.

Britain was doing too little in acquainting Americans with the true facts while the Germans were very successful with their propaganda.

Kenya's War Effort

NAIROBI, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Kenya is preparing to produce more wheat, fax and beans for Britain is the advice given by the East African Trade Delegation which is now visiting London.

Kenya is also planning a war-time supply of hay in the near Middle East.

SWEDEN RUSH TO MAN DEFENCES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Swedish Defence Guards are being rapidly reinforced, especially in the southern districts of Skane and Smaland.

Belligerents May Fight On Norway's Soil

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, Apr. 9 (Domel).—The situation in the Scandinavian countries is rapidly becoming strained.

It is believed here that one far-reaching outcome of the intensified Allied blockade will be that both the Allies and Germany will send armed forces to Norway, ostensibly to protect their neutrality.

Political observers believe that Norway and Sweden will conclude a military defensive alliance in order to meet the new situation.

"DASTARDLY" PLOT!

Goebbels Discovers New Machinations

BERLIN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—In the papers here yesterday instead of the news of Allied mine-fields found in Norwegian waters being published they splashed on their front pages Dr. Goebbels' story about a dastardly British plot to blockade the Danube.

This is only one of the many signs showing that the Nazi Government realises what a blow this new measure will be. It will stop the iron ore shipments through Norway and figures now available show how valuable that traffic was.

For over six months of the year it is the only route for Scandinavian exports to Germany for the Baltic ports are frozen.

Before the war over one-third of Germany's imports came from countries from which she is now clearly cut off.

Of the rest three-quarters came from Sweden and a small portion from Norway.

Of these Scandinavian supplies over 7,500,000 tons came from Narvik in Norway in 1938, the other Baltic ports only handled 5,000,000 tons.

Germany is already short of iron ore and the stoppage of important shipments through Narvik means a very serious deficiency in supplies.

Passage For Warships

Ships with other goods have been able to evade the Allied contraband control by coming through Norwegian territorial waters, which also provided a safe passage out for German warships and commerce raiders.

New minefields mean that at least at three points the ships will have to come out of Norwegian waters within the reach of the Royal Navy.

"Rape Of Neutrality"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 9 (UP).—Authorised Nazi quarters describe the mining of Norwegian waters as "the rape of neutrality."

The Nazis charge that Britain is preparing for "an act of war" on neutral soil.

The Reich is described as watching with "ice-cold composure" the latest developments in Scandinavia and the Balkans.

FRENCH "REDS" ARRESTED

PARIS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Police have arrested five alleged "left-wingers" accused of organising Communist propaganda in the industrial area of northern Paris.

The Police assert that the accused are taking orders from the Third International.

Twelve others were arrested elsewhere in France.

BRITISH PLAN TO DYNAMITE DANUBE

Amazing Sabotage Plot Is Alleged By German News Agency

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 8 (UP).—The German Foreign Office, according to the D.N.B. Agency, is in possession of documentary evidence of "a colossal sabotage plan by the British Secret Service."

The plan was to sabotage and divert the Danube River, one of the main German transport life-lines in the Balkans.

Under the plan, states D.N.B., British motor-boats and barges, manned by British naval and military officers, made an effort to sail up the Danube in order to dynamite the banks of the river at certain points, and to sink concrete-filled barges in the shipping channel.

The intention was to completely halt German trade with south-eastern Europe.

Alleged Plot Discovered

The plot was revealed when Rumanian authorities halted and searched the ships at Guiglin.

It became known on April 5 that, in company with speedy British motor-boats, the tug-boats Britannia and Elizabeth, Danubia Shell I and King George, together with the British steamer Dyonisia, and 64 barges, were under way up the Danube," the D.N.B. report states.

As the result of an indiscretion among the British sailors, it became known that there were large quantities of revolvers, machine-guns, hand grenades, ship's cannon, water bombs and mines aboard the British ships.

Specialists Disguised As Crew

"Additionally, 100 English specialists, disguised as members of the crews of the British ships, were among the personnel. The craft carried five British naval officers, several R.A.F. officers, and dynamiting personnel."

"The expedition was led by the Chief of the English Secret Service in Rumania. He was disguised as a Vice-Consul."

"When the Rumanian authorities searched the ships at Guiglin, they discovered more than 400 crates of high explosives."

"This cargo has been described in the ships' manifests as 'goods in transit' through Rumania."

Officially Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHAREST, Apr. 9 (UP).—The D.N.B. story of the so-called British plot to sabotage the Danube has been circulating in Bucharest for several days.

However, every official source denies its authenticity.

When asked to-day whether a quantity of high explosive has been seized on the Danube, a Rumanian official said: "A number of crates containing food, which had no official declaration, have been seized by the Rumanian authorities."

MAUNALOA ERUPTING

Hawaiian Volcano Spouts Lava

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HONOLULU, Apr. 8 (UP).—The volcano Maunaloa began erupting about 11.30 a.m. to-day.

A long crack running north and south of the summit of the crater is spouting lava which is spilling in three streams to the west, while a larger flow is flowing to the south, glowing brilliantly in the darkness.

None of the natives have left the vicinity and the lava is not held towards farmlands or habitations.

GREEK STEAMER IS SUNK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 9 (UP).—The 4,832-ton Greek steamer Okeania was sunk to-day, apparently by a mine.

The Chief Engineer is missing, and the rest of the crew were rescued and have been landed at an English port.

Village Near H.K. Bombed

Japanese Air Raid On Mirs Bay

A SMALL Chinese village which lies on the shore of Mirs Bay facing British waters was unexpectedly bombed in a Japanese air raid yesterday.

Only brief particulars are to hand and it is not known why the Japanese chose the village, Sha-U-chang, for their attentions, unless it is because there is a ferry connection with Hongkong.

Wounded Brought To H.K.

As a result of the raid, two Chinese are now in Queen Mary Hospital with serious shrapnel wounds.

They are Chiu Hoi, 38, a resident of 503 Nathan Road, who was visiting Sha-U-Chung, and Ip Shing, 37, a resident of Salchuen, Chinese Territory.

The two men were brought to Talpo by ferry.

Sha-U-Chung is about nine miles from Shantaukok.

LATEST

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ALLIES BUY FROM U.S.

But Exports To Reich Fall Rapidly

NEW YORK, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—During the first six months of the war there was a big increase in the value of exports to Germany by the United States and a big falling off in those to Germany.

Up to the end of February the total value of exports from the United States rose by one-third (\$247,000,000). Of these the value of the total exports to Germany was \$170,000 or \$18,000,000 less than corresponding figure for 1938.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

A few weeks ago the Princess of Wales had a seal skin jacket made for her lap dog in Paris, and the important fact was called over half the world. It was not of any profound degree of importance, but the result is amusing. One of the most prominent artists in New York made twelve jackets for dogs immediately on seeing the news in the paper, and they were all sent within two weeks.

The Admiralty have determined to introduce a new kind of saluting in the navy. Up to date sailors have saluted their officers by raising their hats. In future they will bring the hand up to the head after the military fashion, only with the side of the hand to the front instead of the palm. The reason for the change is not obvious. It may be due either to a mere desire to abolish old customs, or to a fear that raising the hat may give the men a cold in the head.

The weather on the North Atlantic ocean during January and February was of the stormiest kind, but many vessels report that they used little or no oil in preventing heavy seas from boarding them. Oil is now accepted as a preventive of disaster.

A few weeks ago, Mariano Rodriguez was found on an island off Malapampa, having been lost alone, having been shipwrecked in 1880.

The memorial stone of the Union Church was laid yesterday. The Church, it will be remembered, used to be in Stanton Street, but the old materials will be used in re-erecting the edifice in the present situation, Kennedy Road, chairman of the committee, Mr. J. H. Burdett, Bishop Burdett, the Rev. W. Jennings, and many members being present.

25 YEARS AGO

The Press Bureau announces that a Commission of the Order of the Bath has been conferred on the following appointments:—Mr. J. H. Burdett, Bishop Burdett, the Rev. W. Jennings, and many members being present.

The Press Bureau states that this combination of audacity, restraint, and unswerving attention to the public without tempting her too much, and which was in strict conformity with the high standard of a model.

The Victoria Cross has been conferred on Naval Commander H. P. Ritchie for most conspicuous bravery in commanding the searching and demolishing operations against the German submarine U-20, which was severely wounded, he continued his duty, inspiring others by his example, until the eighth wound rendered him unconscious.

Insurance have been effected in London at forty guineas against a German invasion of Holland.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:—Mr. J. H. Burdett, Bishop Burdett, the Rev. W. Jennings, and many members being present.

Mr. John Roskrug Wood to act as First Police Magistrate and Coroner.
Mr. Roger Edward Lunsell to act as Second Police Magistrate and Coroner.
Mr. Walter Schofield to act as Second Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and Deputy Registrar.

Mr. Roland Arthur Charles North to act as Third Assistant in the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

10 YEARS AGO

We are officially informed that ILE, William Peel, the Governor of Hongkong, is leaving London to-day by the 11 a.m. O.S. Kilmor and is due here on May 8.

Today the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council will be asked to approve supplementary expenditure amounting to \$200,000. The principal items are explained below in a Message from His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government.

Miscellaneous Services—High Cost of Living Allowance, \$37,000. Provision made in Estimates, \$420,000.

Amount voted for 1939, \$420,000. The scheme of percentage increase on existing salaries which was brought into force in 1928 did not contemplate a fall in the value of the dollar below 18.50. The Secretary of State has approved of the continuation of this concession down to a minimum of 16.50, as from January 1, 1939, pending the consideration of the report of the Salaries Commission by the Legislative Council.

A vote is therefore requested for \$37,400 the estimated excess on this item for the whole year on the assumption that the value of the dollar remains at 18.50.

In the event of the approval of the recommendations made in the Salaries report, the sum of \$37,400 now requested with the \$420,000 already voted in the Estimates, for 1939 will become part of the provision necessary for putting the new Salaries scheme into force.

5 YEARS AGO

April 9, 1935.
Sir John Simon, the Foreign Minister, who was Britain's chief delegate at the Berlin conference, revealed in the House of Commons for the first time that Germany was demanding as an assurance of security, a big army, navy and air force, and the return of lost colonies.

He said that in the Berlin conference, Herr Hitler's proposals were discussed. They included plans for an army of 35 divisions, representing a maximum strength of 650,000 men.

The Foreign Minister said that Germany claimed she should possess all types of arms, possessed by other countries. With certain reservations, Germany claimed a navy which would equal 35 per cent. of Great Britain's total tonnage, and aerial parity with Britain and France.

It is learned that Germany is building two pocket battleships of a tonnage and with guns larger than that allowed under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, which Germany signed in 1919. Germany is also building a non-lighting high speed mystery ship which looks like a yacht, to be used to command a battle fleet and in range-finding.

The speeding up of the British military aircraft expansion programme in order to meet Germany's for supremacy was foreseen in the House of Commons to-day when Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, declared:

"The rate of Germany's air development is causing the British Government grave concern. The situation needs careful and continuous watch in order that any necessary alterations may be made in our programme." Sir Philip added that he believed that the Royal Air Force still enjoyed a margin of superiority over the German Air Force.

Hongkong's plans for celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee are now taking definite shape, and it is now announced that there will be two displays of fireworks instead of one, as originally planned.

The Japanese Resident's Association of Hongkong have kindly intimated to the Silver Jubilee Committee that they would like to join in the celebrations with a view to take place in the Colony and that they propose to give a display of fireworks.

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12.19 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cension.

12.30 Mozart—Concerto in E Flat Major—Winter Gieseking (Piano) House Orchestra, Berlin.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Richard Tauber (Tenor), Lina Pagliughi (Soprano) and Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.20 Teuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast, and Announcements.

1.45 Latest Dance Music.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Light Spanish Programme—Bouquet of Spanish Songs, Sevillian Serenade with Orchestra; Granada Spanish Suite, Orquesta Odon; Pastora, Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra; Spanish Dance No. 3, New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens; La Zingarella, Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra; Tango Mio, Sierra Chica—Argentine Tango, Juan Llanos and Iria Tango Orchestra.

6.30 Latest Dance Music.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.03 Selections from Musical Comedy—All Geo You Again, Wanting You, Anno Ziegler and Webster Booth with Orchestra; "On Your Toes"—Selection, Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra with Jack Whiting; "Foggy and Bess"; Selection, Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra with Jack Whiting; "Foggy and Bess"; Selection, Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra with Jack Whiting; "Foggy and Bess"; Selection, Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra with Jack Whiting.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Light Orchestra with Charles Kullman (Tenor)—Love in Idleness, Columbia Concert Orchestra; Indiana Sweetheart, Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; Smilin' Through, Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra; With You, Albert Sandler and His Orchestra with Vocal by Marjorie Stedford; Dusty Violin, The Albert Sandler Trio with Vocal by Marjorie Stedford; When You're Away, Thine Alone, Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra; If You Only Know, Halfway to Heaven, Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

8.30 Glazounow—Scenes De Ballet, Op. 62—New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

8.50 The Don Coswack Choir—Conducted by Serge Jaroff. Un-accompanied.

9.03 Sergei Rachmaninoff at the Piano.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Dellore—"Hassan" Serenade—Violin Solo by Lionel Tertis with George Reeves at the Piano.

9.49 Tchaikowsky—Aurora's Wedding—Ballet Music—London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Efrem Kurtz.

10.15 Compositions of Grieg—Sonata in C Minor, Op. 45, Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin); Solveig's Song, Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra; Holberg Suite, Op. 40, London String Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr.

11.00 Close Down.

Whisky Output To Be Cut

NO REDUCTION OF BEER

In a written Parliamentary reply to Dr. Little, Mr. W. S. Morrison, Minister of Food, states that, in view of the limited supply of cereals available for animal feeding stuffs, the Government have decided to make an Order restricting the output of whisky and other potable spirits for the current year to one-third of last year's production. The output of beer will be permitted to continue at a level not exceeding that of last year.

To minimize inconvenience to the industries concerned advisory committees representative of distillers, brewers, and malsters are being set up by the Ministry of Food. Steps will be taken to ensure that purchases of cereals for brewing or distilling are not made in excess of requirements for this year's permitted production.

The consumption of sugar for brewing will, in accordance with arrangements made for the reduction of supplies for other industrial purposes, be reduced to 70 per cent. of normal requirements. Supplies of cereals will, if necessary, be available to meet the deficiency.

Mr. Morrison adds that he has been assured of the co-operation of the industries concerned.

The Press Association learnt from inquiries made in the trade that there is enough whisky in stock for years to come, as the spirit is not sold until after it has been maturing for several years.

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ACROSS
1—Happiness
2—Family of birds
3—Eggs
4—Circles
5—Wrote
6—Combining form
7—He pleased at
8—Least unworldly
9—First woman
10—Humility
11—Wine measure
12—Matter
13—Who who lies
14—Girl's name
15—Art (Latin)
16—Soft head
17—Lily
18—Compass point
19—Buffet like
20—Bird
21—Aviator
22—Dramatic literature
23—Literary collection
24—Yacht
25—Lair
26—Wounds
27—Doll
28—Presents two
29—Kind of work
30—Rings
31—Dollars (Spanish)
32—Soft details
33—Alas

DOWN
1—Wish
2—Unit
3—Form of ad-
4—Don of Noah
5—Extinct
6—Belonging to Britain
7—Poems
8—Pertaining to heat
9—Jack (Irish)
10—Voracious (boastful)
11—City in Burma
12—Wood
13—Den
14—Official waterway
15—Place of combat
16—Balls defective
17—Aimed correctly
18—Colours
19—Force (Latin)
20—Calamity
21—Possible of addition
22—Journey
23—Two letters
24—Pelt instinctively
25—Byzantine tribune
26—Pretend; new
27—Humiliating ruler
28—Black ink
29—Breathes deeply
30—Mimicked
31—Pointed arch
32—How
33—Sheltered side
34—Pool
35—Compass point

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Tuesday, Apr. 9
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K.P.O.
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Wednesday, Apr. 10

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K.F.O.
Reg. Apr. 10, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 10, 5.30 p.m.
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Ord. Apr. 10, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Apr. 10, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 11, 7.30 a.m.

TURKEY'S PART IN CHAMPIONING THE INTEGRITY OF THE BALKANS

(Continued from Page 5.)

Dobrudja, Bulgaria might be persuaded to come into line with the other Balkan States for the mutual protection of their common interests. Efforts continue in this direction, and Italy and Yugoslavia, each in her own sphere, are collaborating to bring about the vitally necessary closing of the ranks between the Balkan and the Danubian States.

TURKEY AND ITALY

The recent visit of Bay Numan Menemencioğlu, the Turkish Secretary-General of Foreign Affairs, to Sofia seems to have had good results, and the exchange of telegrams between President Ismet Inönü and King Boris seems to reveal good understanding.

In her peace efforts Turkey has been glad to see herself seconded by Italy. Turco-Italian relations appear much improved. Whether the suspicions, engendered by Mussolini's boasted intention to recreate the Roman Empire and his subsequent occupation of Albania, have been entirely forgotten is doubtful. But Italy's talks with Hungary, her own statements regarding her attitude towards any Soviet move into the Balkans, and her recent friendly gestures incline Ankara to regard Rome as a factor for peace in the Balkans.

Turkey's great hope is that, following the Belgrade conferences, the conversations which will continue between Ankara, Rome and the Balkan and Danubian capitals may lead to a wider appreciation of the common danger and of the common interest to stand together, with the backing of Britain and France, against the invader, whoever he may be.

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MAGAZINE PAGE

The story of Rudolph Diesel's engine and the mystery of his disappearance.

DR. Rudolph Diesel was crossing the English Channel on the night of September 29, 1913. He was going to London to attend a meeting of manufacturers, and to confer with the British Admiralty.

It was ten by the ship's bell when he said good-night to his friends and went to his stateroom. The next morning he did not appear.

He was never seen again. His disappearance became an international sensation. When the war broke out there was a rumour that Diesel had been killed by the Germans to keep him from giving technical secrets to the British. The mystery, unsolved, was gradually forgotten, and the average man to-day has never heard of either the story or the engineer.

There is no adequate account of his life in English.

Yet Rudolph Diesel was one of the greatest of inventors.

His name has become a common noun; diesel liners furrow the seven seas, diesel trucks rumble along the highways, diesel-powered planes criss-cross the skies, diesel tractors plow our fields.

BORN in 1858, of a line of German artisans, young Rudolph was trained by his father as a mechanic.

With a quick, inventive mind, he dashed through the Augsburg Trade Schools, and won a scholarship at the Munich Technical Institute. When he had finished there, at the age of 20, he had broken every academic record, and the astounded faculty met him in a body and shook hands with him.

Two things were important that happened to Rudolph Diesel at Munich. He listened to a lecture, and he saw a small gadget that looked like a popgun.

The lecture was by Dr. Carl Linde, famous pioneer in artificial refrigeration. He discussed the steam engine and pointed out that the best then in use wasted 90 percent of the energy in the coal.

In a note-book which has been preserved Diesel scribbled: "Me-oil, oil, cottonseed oil and peanut oil. Tar and melted asphalt have been used. Even buttermilk will turn over a diesel, although engineers don't recommend it."

Tragedy was only a few months away when Dr. Diesel returned home after his American visit in 1912.

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The two dined cheerfully, and then strolled the deck. When they went below, Diesel left the others as they passed his cabin. A moment later, he tapped on Carols' door, shook his hand heartily, and wished him good-night. It seemed a little unnecessary.

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Now why not build an engine in which the piston pulls in nothing but pure air in its landing stroke, and then drives back toward the cylinder head, compressing the air to about one sixteenth of its former volume, and he computed, heating the air to 1000° Fahrenheit? At that point inject a drop of oil into the cylinder. The hot air will ignite the oil, and its combustion will drive the piston down. There would be no complicated ignition system.

Many men would have gone into the machine shop at that point and proceeded by trial and error, but that was not Diesel's way. Everything about that engine, down to the last bolt, had to be figured out and put down on paper.

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THE FORGOTTEN INVENTOR

BUT Krupp agreed to finance the invention, and in August, 1893, Diesel's first motor was ready for a test.

We see the inventor in an Augsburg machine shop, anxiously watching an upright, pump-like contrivance with a slowly revolving flywheel. No engine like this has ever been seen before.

The outlandish thing needs outside power to push the piston up and down. Diesel waits impatiently. Just eyes blazing with excitement, he pulls a lever and the vaporized fuel spurts into the imprisoned, fiery-hot air.

There is a blast like a cannon shot, and chunks of metal bombard the room. Barely missed by death, Diesel leaps to his feet with a shout of triumph.

"That's what I wanted to know!" he cries. "It proves I'm on the right track!"

He toiled four more years on that track. Then one day the world's most famous engineers flocked to Augsburg to see a 20-horsepower "dieselmotor" that amazed them with its efficiency.

Now Diesel's prophecy has come true. The volume of diesel horsepower installed in 1937 was 20 times the total of five years before. Diesel power drives the streamlined trains; last year, 125 diesel buses began service on the streets of Chicago and New York.

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But the Augsburg genius thought of this. His engine will run on almost anything. At the start, Diesel tried powdered coal. It worked, but it scored the cylinder. Diesel also used castor oil, palm oil, fish oil, cottonseed oil and peanut oil. Tar and melted asphalt have been used. Even buttermilk will turn over a diesel, although engineers don't recommend it.

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They found his nightshirt on his pillow, still folded, and his watch carefully hung on his bag.

Over a week later, a Dutch boat pulled a body aboard. It was battered beyond recognition, and after removing the contents of the pockets, they dropped it overboard. Later a coin purse, a pocket-knife, and a spectacle case were identified as Dr. Diesel's.

But with international tension at fever heat, and diesel-powered submarines straining at the leash, melodramatic stories quickly arose.

It was rumoured that he had been published over-

In a newspaper article a man who said he had served on a German submarine told how "the traitor Diesel met the end he deserved." These stories are still printed now and then.

The truth was revealed recently in Eugen Diesel's biography of his father, so far neglected by English translators.

Behind the facade of Rudolph Diesel's confident manner, his big house in Munich, and his position of world renown, he was at the end of his rope.

All his property was heavily mortgaged; he faced bankruptcy, to him an intolerable disgrace.

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He was 35, and had been transferred to Linde's office in Berlin before he had his manuscript ready for the printer. He had already taken out patents. In January, 1893, the work was published, "Theory and Construction of a Rational Heat Motor," a slender pamphlet, but it belongs on that small shelf of books which have changed the world.

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Curtains for the Black-Out By Gloria

MANY PEOPLE have been managing with more or less temporary black-out curtains during Hongkong's periodical blackouts. It would be much better to provide a more attractive and permanent arrangement.

I recently visited a small house with a large French window which had been treated in an interesting manner.

The curtains were enclosed by a plywood pelmet and side columns which—prevented—any—danger—of chinks of light. The structure had been put up quite cheaply, and was painted the same colour as the walls.

Another good idea I am passing on is a simple alteration to a room with two windows close together.

By making a pelmet to stretch from one side to the other they can be treated as one window, which will make the blacking-out more effective.

If a mirror is hung on the wall between the windows, and the window ledge continued underneath, a very effective design is obtained.

Book of the Week

Hitler—as Seen by His Maid

By MONICA DICKENS

EVEN dictators have servant trouble. Hitler's biggest headache this week is coming to him from his ex-housemaid Pauline Kohler, who reveals closely-guarded secrets of Berchtesgaden, in "I Was Hitler's Maid" (John Long: 2s. 6d.).

Those peepshows on seaside piers called "What the Butler Saw" are nothing to what Pauline saw while she dusted and swept what she described as

"a miniature palace, furnished with every luxury...ringed with three circles of anti-aircraft guns, every approach heavily mined."

There are cellars, she says, "where are enacted horrors only exceeded in the concentration camps." At Hitler's private cinema, "films of indescribable tortures at prison-camps, or strip-tease acts by his latest stage favourite, are reeled off for the Führer's bestial enjoyment."

Pauline, at whom every member of the Nazi Party appears to have "made a pass," tells these stories of some of them:

Hitler has often said to Goebbels: "I won't have this continual squabbling! You behave like children."

Goebbels deliberately hit a man who stepped in front of his car, sent him flying into the air, to hit the ground a broken, shattered mass of flesh. It was the village priest.

"And that was the most pleasant afternoon's driving I've ever done," said Goebbels afterwards.

Pauline acted as personal maid to both Unity Mitford and Renate Muller during their visits to Berchtesgaden.

She has seen Hitler's astronomical laboratory, "which has never been photographed, and can only be entered by two people—Hitler and his astrologer, Oskar."

She also learned of the existence of a sequel to "Mein Kampf," provisionally entitled "How I Did It," to be published after the Nazi conquest of Europe. It sets down the names of Gauleiters in the conquered territories, and the names of highly-placed Nazis who are on the Führer's black list.

One wonders, en passant, what Chamberlain thought of this

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John Barrymore Kisses Wife, Puts War Off Front Page

NEW YORK,

JOHN BARRYMORE, of the American theatre's royal family, edged the war off New York's front pages to-day after the most amazing night the great profile ever staged.

REASON NO. 1 was that Barrymore, the great tragedian, made his first Broadway appearance for many years—and his performance was more like a three-ring circus.

He hardly ever kept to his script, and he sent audience and actors into convulsions by reciting without warning the whole eighteen stanzas of "The Owl and the Pussycat."

When he was playing a dramatic scene, with his hands shaking, he suddenly turned to the audience and said in a hoarse whisper: "Sorry! I thought I was Lionel!"

REASON NO. 2 was that a member of the audience, dressed as Hamlet, jumped on the stage during the curtain speech and declaimed a soliloquy, beside the embarrassed Barrymore.

In jail later this devotee of Shakespeare—name, Bert Freeman—explained that he was an unemployed actor who had always wanted to play Hamlet. He thought his action would get him the job.

REASON NO. 3 was a scene between eighteen-year-old Diana Blythe Barrymore, John's daughter by his marriage with the novelist Michael Strange, and Elaine Barrie, John's estranged wife.

Barrymore and his daughter went to one of New York's night clubs to celebrate. Mrs. Barrymore was "at the next table."

She waited for two hours, then sent a note to the band asking them to play "I Love You To-night," and joined her husband.

For an hour Miss Barrymore glowered at her step-mother, but she saw it was useless. She went home.

REASON NO. 4—Towards dawn fifty-seven-year-old Barrymore lodged his wife, aged twenty-two, in front of a battery of cameras.

Barrymore filed a separation suit against Elaine Barrie, his fourth wife, but dropped it last November. Elaine sued for divorce in 1937.



ELAINE AND JOHN
She asked the band to play,
"I Love You To-night."

Quiet Western Front

PARIS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that no important incident occurred on the front to-day.

There was activity of both air forces during the morning.

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BREACH OF NEUTRALITY

Technically Admitted By Allies

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—From all reports the German propaganda officials far outdo the Scandinavians in their indignation over the latest Allied move.

Here in London semi-official circles comment that it suits Germany to maintain that article of International Law regarding territorial waters.

The rest of the Law vis-a-vis naval warfare, for instance, does not suit them. They have ignored it in the hope of damaging British trade with Norway.

The Allies have every sympathy with the difficult position of Sweden and Norway.

The new mine-fields are not directed against the neutrals, every care being taken to ensure that Norwegian ships are not prevented from reaching their own ports or any of the small villages along the coast.

The action is solely and entirely directed against Germany.

Breach Of Neutrality

It is admitted that the mine-fields represent a technical breach of neutrality but the rules of neutrality always rest on common acceptance.

If one side persistently disregards them, it cannot claim that they should be fully complied with by the other side. That is what Germany has been doing for some time.

The Allied governments have watched Germany's brutal attacks on neutrals, attacks which have hit Norway harder than anyone else.

They have hoped that Norway herself would stop the Nazi outrages against her but it has been made painfully clear that Norway cannot do so.

The Allies feel that they have been patient long enough. German propagandists would have it that the Allies are threatening Scandinavia.

Will Act Swiftly

Official Allied circles make it clear that there is no threat and that neither Britain nor France are trying to extend the war to the

South Africa Responds

Already 60,000 Have Joined Colours

CAPE TOWN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—In the course of a speech on war questions, General J. C. Smuts, the Prime Minister, recalled that already 60,000 South Africans had joined the population of the Europeans here have volunteered for military service.

There had been no extraordinary effort to recruit the men, he said, but if the war became more serious the response would be greater still.

Northern Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Kenya, he said, were the outposts of South Africa and her civilization.

"If there is any danger we shall be there," he continued. "Perhaps we shall have to defend South Africa there. For all this we are preparing."

General Smuts said that there was no isolation in the world. He had not a drop of English blood in his veins, but he did believe that Britain "is our greatest friend and that Germany would be a dangerous bed-fellow."

Since September 4 last year, he said, there had been a surge of feeling in favour of South Africa's decision to enter the war.

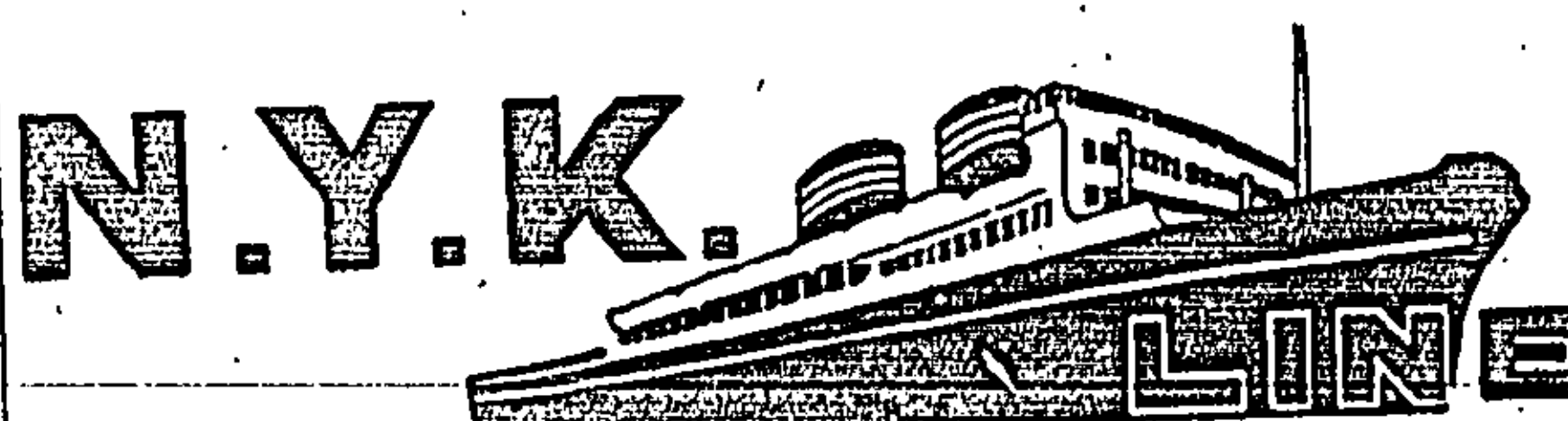
Nazi Plane Over Shetlands

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—It is now learned that only one German plane was seen over the Shetlands mainland, apparently engaged on reconnaissance.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action, but no bombs were dropped.

At the same time it should be clearly understood that the Allies will act swiftly and decisively if Germany should take any military action directed against Scandinavia.

Similarly the Allies have informed Norway and Sweden that they would not be indifferent to a Soviet advance across Scandinavia and would regard unfavourably any German promise to help Scandinavia against Russia.



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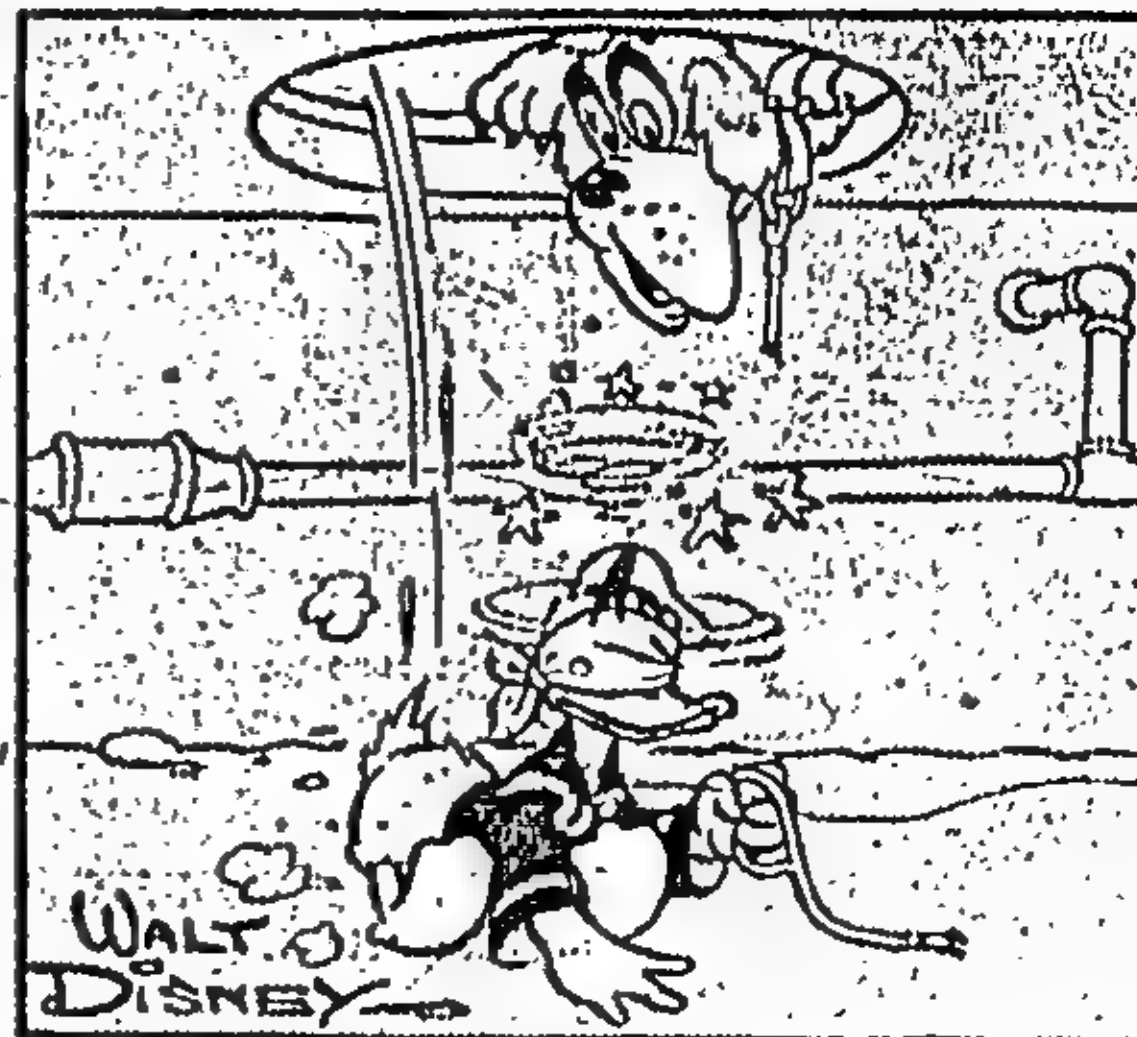
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WANG IN PEIPING

Sudden Visit Takes City By Surprise

PEIPING, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Wang Ching-wei arrived here on a sudden visit shortly after noon by plane.
 Evidently his arrival took all but a few in the know completely by surprise. He is remaining a few days.
 He stated in an interview with Chinese, Japanese and foreign journalists this afternoon that he had come to North China to investigate the situation here and meet responsible authorities, the Japanese military Commander-in-Chief and others.
Same Old Formula
 Wang Ching-wei stressed the importance of anti-Communism in the policy of the new government, and expressed confidence that the North China regime would co-operate with the Nanking Government.
 "China and Japan have the same goal. Surely we can join hand in hand and work for the welfare of both," he said.
 Local and foreign circles are completely puzzled as to the reasons for Wang's visit at present, particularly its suddenness and secrecy.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:
 A few deals were recorded but conditions generally were on the quiet side.

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 H.K. Fire Ins. \$171
 Docks Cum. \$121 1/2
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 H.K. Realities \$4.40
 H.K. Tramways \$17.55
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GOEBBELS' DIFFICULTY

Flock Of Rumours In Germany

BERLIN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The tightening of the Allied blockade and the policy of Germany refraining from action has presented a difficult problem for Nazi propagandists.
 Neutral observers report a growing unrest in Germany at the lack of real war news. There is dissatisfaction at the controlled Nazi press which gives little news but only a lot of vague threats against Britain and the neutrals.
 A flock of rumours has now taken the place of news. The way in which these rumours are getting about suggests to neutral journalists that they may be part of an officially inspired campaign.
 Another morale boosting attempt has been the release of "A Baptism of Fire", a documentary film dealing with bombing attacks by the German Air Force in Poland.
 Neutral journalists were invited to see the film though whether this was just a friendly invitation or a dark hint is not quite clear.
 The opinion of the journalists about the film is well summarised by the Netherlands correspondent, who says that the film shows the barbarity and madness of modern war and constitutes a bitter indictment against all responsible for the war now being waged by civilised nations in Europe.

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Shanghai Commentator Driven Off Air ELECTION CAMPAIGN BECOMES BITTER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Shanghai Municipal Council election campaign is becoming bitter as the Japanese authorities to-day took arbitrary action in confiscating copies of the Glebe Post, the German-Jewish morning newspaper published in Shanghai.

The paper carried an editorial urging all refugees to support the British and American candidates.

The Japanese authorities seized all copies of the paper in Hongkew, and the editor and publishers of the Glebe Post have protested to the Municipal Police regarding the affair.

XMHA Interference

In the meantime the American Consulate has attached political protection to the American radio station XMHA, over which Carrol D. Alcott, prominent news commentator, broadcasts daily.

A consular official to-day called on the Japanese Consul-General and made oral representations concerning the station's wave-length.

The Japanese Consul-General replied that the matter would be investigated, and it is reported that details of the affair have already been cabled to Washington.

Carrol Alcott uses the station for broadcasting his news commentaries, and he alleges that the interference is a deliberate attempt to drive him off the air while he is waging a campaign for the election of the British and American candidates in the municipal elections.

He has been urging ratepayers not to vote for the Japanese.

Important Vote

The importance of the vote to be cast by newly arrived German and Austrian Jews is emphasised here by the report that the Japanese are wooing the Jewish vote to enable them to place five Japanese on the Council, and thereby obtain a majority of the seats, virtually giving them control of the city's administration.

It was reported that the Japanese have offered assistance and passports to relatives of Jews now in Shanghai in return for their votes.

Informed circles said the Japanese, Italian and Spanish combined voting power roughly totals the combined British, American, French, Portuguese and Dutch vote.

The balance of power, therefore, would rest with the Jewish emigres.

Germans Split

Paradoxically, the Japanese were also soliciting both Jewish and Nazi votes. It has been reported the German consulate has officially advised German residents to vote for the Japanese candidates, while the German chamber of commerce has privately told businessmen not to support the Japanese.

It was expected the White Russian votes would be split evenly between the Japanese and the third-power candidates.

A Japanese embassy spokesman, commenting on the five Japanese candidates for the municipal council, said the Japanese desired to break the dictatorship of "a certain national group."

He expressed surprise at the British attitude toward the council which he said "constitutes an idea of the economic feudal system which should not exist among a group priding itself on its democracy."

Claim Old Order Dead

He asserted that "the old order in Shanghai is dead due to changed conditions since the British founded the concession, and then pointed out 'glaring defects' of the council's administration which necessitated re-organization of the council."

The spokesman declared that the Japanese naturally wish additional seats on the council due to their present numerical superiority. He said the Japanese did not, however, wish to repeat the dictatorship "at present operating."

He expressed belief that minority national groups should be given seats later on, and then asserted that the present trend "is to recognize the individual regardless of his property." He was challenging the British statement of their right to control the council because of the fact they control more business than any other group in Shanghai.

THEY FOUGHT FOR THE BED

LONDON, (UP).—The room contained one bed and one couch. The husband used the bed and the wife the couch.

She revolted and took possession of the bed. Husband, incensed, dialled 999—the emergency police call.

The policemen arrived in hot haste and arbitrated in favour of the wife. The husband spent the night on the couch. Next day he quit.

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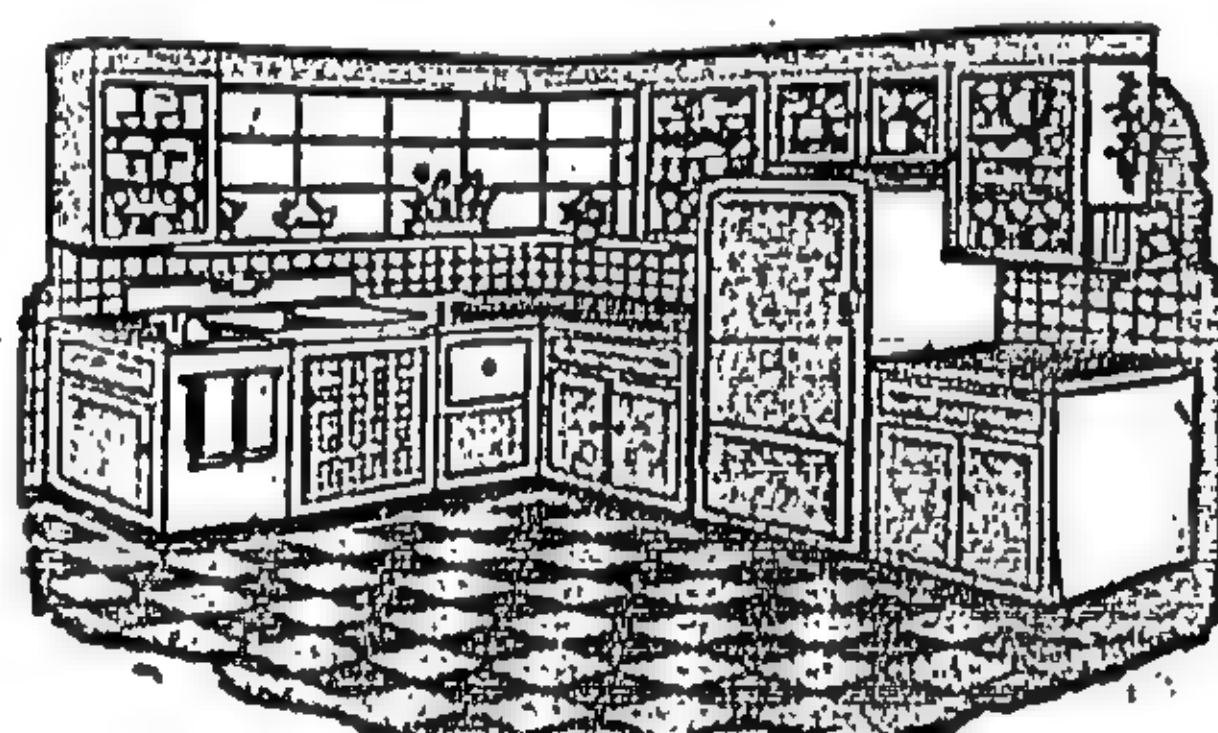


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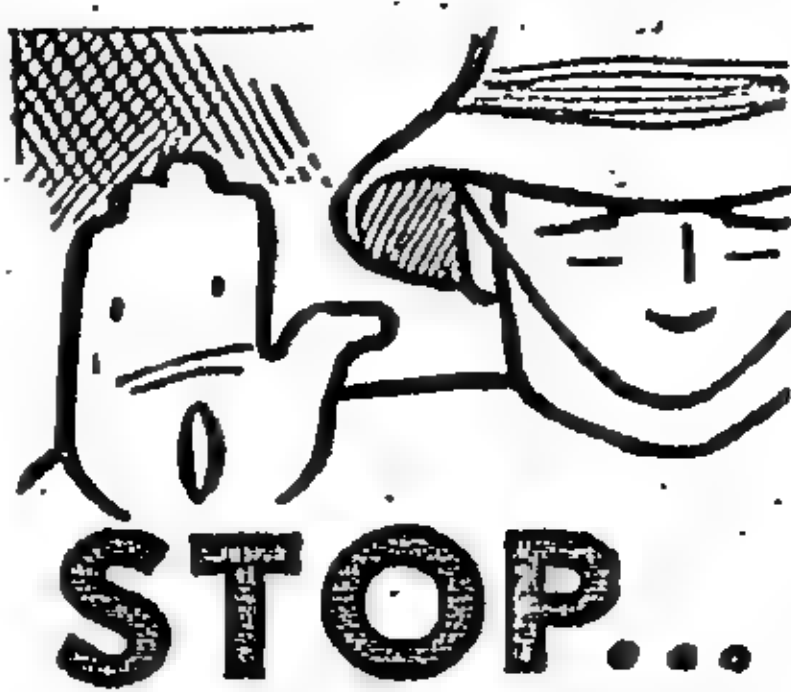


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announced of Captain Eugene
Wong, only son of Mr. and Mrs.
S. S. Wong and Miss Alice Mae
Cheng, second daughter of Mr.
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night? To the pictures?

Consider some of the bless-
ings and benefits which the
cinema has conferred. Think
what you get in return for the
moneys you pay at the box-office.

The films are a leveling force,
a force for democracy. The mil-
lionaire may build himself a
private cinema, but he sees the
same stars as the worker in the
thirty cent seats.

The screen is a force for
education, the poor man's black-
board. It takes you out and
round the world, into the homes
of every class of people.

It teaches more about life
than any book. It sharpens the
wits, quickens the thought.

American comedies, for in-
stance, have taught us to appre-
ciate subtle and intricate hu-
mour. We learn as we laugh.

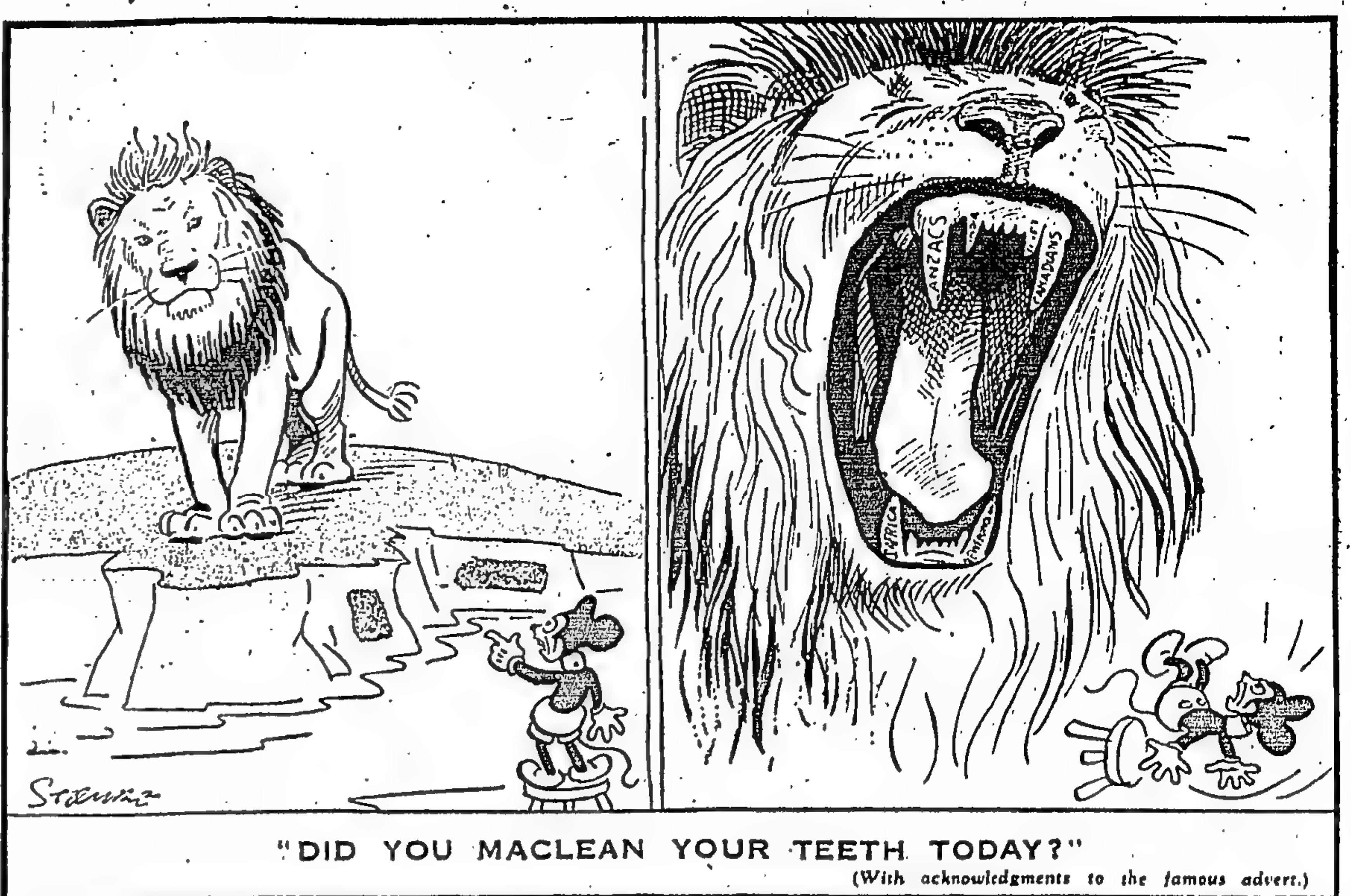
Films are bringing the En-
glish-speaking nations together.
We see America's films, Ameri-
ca sees British too.

The same pictures are shown
in London and New York and
Sydney; in the villages of Eng-
land, the plains of America, the
outback of Australia. Go to
Canada or South Africa or Cey-
lon: you will still see Ginger
Rogers and Clark Gable.

Consider the cinema as a
means of propaganda. During
the last war it helped to sustain
and uphold the morale of the
people, after the newspapers had
exhausted their utmost efforts.

Newspapers make the best
form of propaganda. But the
films come second. They are far
more effective than the radio.
Winged words from the radio
fall on the ear and are soon
forgotten, like snow-flakes fall-
ing on a flowing river.

The screen can be a pulpit.
Capra's films—"Mr. Deeds Goes
to Town," "You Can't Take It



"DID YOU MACLEAN YOUR TEETH TODAY?"

(With acknowledgments to the famous advert.)

TURKEY'S PART IN CHAMPIONING THE INTEGRITY OF THE BALKANS Two Fronts Open to the Threat of Aggression

THE Balkan Entente has un-
doubtedly been a factor for
peace between its members. It
able for the fields, with a conse-
quences definitely dissipated all
animosities and all causes of
But, as a prominent Turk said
disagreement which previously
existed between Yugoslavia, Rumania, Greece and Turkey.
No longer does the word deduc-
tions based on normal
reasoning.
The new methods of waging
war bring dangers to the
"exceptions" and render neces-
sary some provision for con-
certed action at the first attack,
whether from within or outside
the Balkans. Failing it the
Entente States risk seeing
themselves treated in similar
fashion to their Baltic friends.
That action, predetermined,
would be more satisfactory than
the present situation is recog-
nised, but it is extremely doubt-
ful whether all the Balkan
States would feel themselves
free for the time being to agree
to any such change in their
present relationship.

The situation, I find, is a
constant topic of conversation
at Ankara. Uncertainty whether
Germany and Russia are acting
in concert, in spite of appear-
ances at times of independent
action; whether Italy would
seize a German move into
Rumania as an opportunity to
occupy part of Yugoslavia, and
how the Allies propose to assist
Rumania under their guarantee,
adds to the complexity of the
outlook and causes a good deal
of anxiety.

IN THE CAUCASUS
Opinion as I have sounded it
seems unanimous that it is not
in Germany's interest to invade,
or encourage Russia to invade,
the Balkans, since she would
then lose the food, petrol and
other supplies she now obtains.
It is anticipated that, as in the
last war, the moment Germany
or Russia gets foot on Rumanian
soil the oil wells will be destroy-
ed. At least a year's work
would be necessary before
production could be resumed.
Furthermore, every Balkan

With You," "Mr. Smith Goes to
Washington"—all have a mes-
sage and a moral. They are
sermons in colluloid.
Of course, there is nothing
new in preaching being com-
bined with amusement. The
first stage plays in England
were the mystery plays, miracle
plays and morality plays of the
Middle Ages. They showed
stories from the Bible, legends
of the saints, and allegorical
tales with virtues and vices as
characters.

A Russian move into Iran is
a menace to Turkey; it may be
only indirect, but it is a menace
Turkey cannot afford to ignore.
It may be recalled that one of
the Russo-Turkish wars was due
to Russia's invasion of Iran.
Were the Straits then opened
to the Allied Fleets, Russia,
whose Black Sea fleet is negli-
gible, knows well that that means
the loss of Batum by bombard-
ment from the sea as well as
attack by land by the Turks,
who would, in addition, harass



Turkey, in relation to Russia and the Balkan States.

Caucasus or Central Asia is re-
garded by many authorities as
out of the question. Russia
would have great difficulty in
carrying on a campaign so far
from her bases as Afghanistan
or Iran, even if in either country
the revolution broke out which
Russian and German agents are
so actively trying to promote,
and even if the Finnish cam-
paign permitted it.

An incursion by Russia into
Central Asia would, it is ad-
mitted, mean Turkey's abandon-
ment of the neutrality which her
traditional policy of friendship
with Moscow has dictated.

IS IT GERMAN BLUFF?

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in the Caucasus, and the
demands the return of the
Dobruja, which Rumania re-
ceived under the Neuilly Treaty
and declines to cede because she
would then have to admit Rus-
sia's claim to Bessarabia and
Hungary's Transylvania. To
allow these claims would leave
her relatively where she was in
1914. Bulgaria also demands
from Greece the return of De-
deagatch, with access to the
Aegean Sea. Her claim is far
from strong in this case, since
she never possessed the area for
long and there is practically no
Bulgarian population.

For some time Turkey has
been concentrating on a rap-
prochement between Rumania
and Bulgaria. She can plead
with Rumania from her own
bitter experience that it is
wiser to give way peacefully
than under war pressure. Tur-
key remembers that she refused
to cede Crete to Greece and then,
as a result of the Balkan War,
lost not only Crete but also a
large slice of her European
territory.

TO MEET ALL DANGERS

Meanwhile Turkey is concert-
ing measures to meet all even-
tualities. She is keeping a
careful watch on the Caucasus

It has been suggested that if
Rumania would cede the lesser
PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

WHAT THEY SAY
ABOUT US

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strain the laws which the Nazis have so freely broken. It will be unfortunate, but no defender of the ideal of International Law can safely raise his voice against the Allies in doing so unless he is quite certain that they can win without it.

A leading article in a Bergen paper the "Aftenavisen," under the heading of "Worse and Worse," says it appears that the German behaviour to neutral ships is getting worse and much points to it being a mere chance as to who is bombed or not. "Again and again we have protested against such encroachments," continues the article, "but it seems only to get worse and at the same time it is demanded that our attitude to Germany shall remain just as friendly. But the Norwegian Government ought to let the German Government understand that we may be forced to revise the whole of our standpoint to Germany, including commerce and passage, if some arrangement is not arrived at which will improve conditions."

LONDON

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The release of the news of the laying of mines in Norwegian territorial waters had to be determined by the carrying out of the operation itself. It came too late for yesterday's morning papers: so both the London and Scandinavian public learned it at various times during the morning. The London evening papers warmly welcomed the action.

The "Evening Standard" recalled the torpedoing on Saturday of the Norwegian ship Naurua by a U-boat which sank her without warning although it stood by for some time but offered no help.

Something must be done and done quickly said the Secretary of the Norwegian Steamers' Union in a strongly worded statement.

Something has been done comments the "Evening Standard."

The Allied declaration in connection with the measure is the most significant pronouncement of the war, Norway will protest but the people of Norway can see clearly who is their enemy and who their friend.

The world will agree that the action of the Allies is more in accordance with those ideals and principles which the laws of neutrality were made to defend than anything which the Germans have done. It is the plain and commonsense comment of the "Star."

The decision of the Allies to show their teeth was heartily welcomed by this morning's British press (which was still unaware of the greater news to come of the rowing of mine-fields). Most of the press comment was devoted to Allied determination to tighten the blockade net round Germany.

Without exception the British press emphasises the desire to respect neutral rights within the full limits of reason but in plain language the neutrals are asked to consider the alternative to an Allied victory.

The papers suggest that the answer was given on Saturday in the manner of Norwegian officers and seamen when Naurua was sunk without warning by a Nazi submarine.

Outspoken Comment

Perhaps the most outspoken comment was that which appeared in the "Yorkshire Post".

"We fully understand the Norwegian and Swedish fears of German aggression," says the paper. "We are determined not to use Nazi methods against them. But we are entitled on our side for an understanding of our position."

The paper recalls that on Saturday the Norwegian Foreign Minister said that Norway would defend her territorial waters against anyone who violated them.

If Norway could and would fulfil that pledge, comments the "Yorkshire Post," we might reasonably be content. We do not want to interfere with the neutrality of others. All we ask is that neutrality should be genuine. To observe that strict letter of the law while the enemy tears it to tatters in his own advantage is to make the law fulfil a wrong purpose. The laws are made to curb a gangster and not to protect or reward him.

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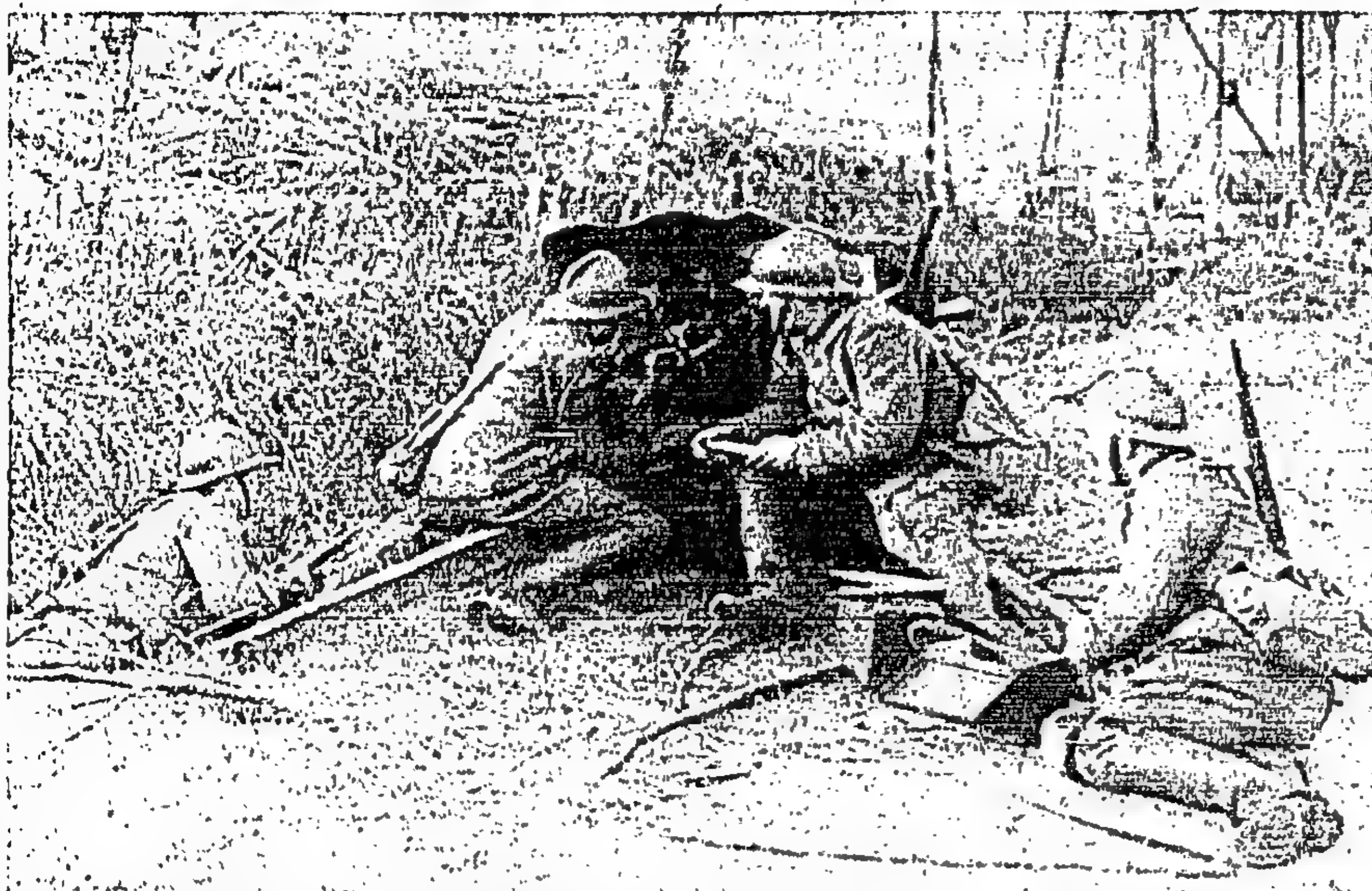
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ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR GERMAN TANKS



AN ANTI-TANK GUN IN POSITION.—Any German tanks which seek to start a Blitzkrieg through France will meet with a warm welcome from thousands of this type of cannon, whose shells are capable of piercing tank armour at long ranges.—French Official Photograph.

Norway forwards "Serious and solemn" protest

OSLO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A "serious and solemn protest" against the Allied decision to mine certain territorial waters was handed to the British and French Ministers by the Norwegian Government to-day.

The statement says: "This morning the British and French Governments allowed mines to be placed in three areas in Norwegian territorial waters with the aim of stopping free shipping within Norwegian waters, and British warships have been sent to patrol these areas."

"The Norwegian Government makes a serious and solemn protest against this open breach of international law and also violation by force of Norwegian sovereignty and neutrality."

"Throughout the war, Norway has observed all rules of neutrality with the strictest care of keeping her waters open to all legitimate traffic of ships belonging to the belligerent countries. Norway has acted accordingly to those rules which are generally acknowledged."

Agreement Cited

"The British and French Governments having now taken steps to stop this, the Norwegian Government reminds them of the fact that this year the British Government signed an agreement with Norway in which it was stipulated that Norwegian goods—even goods regarded as contraband—may be sold by and exported from Norway to Germany."

"Therefore the Norwegian Government could not have reason to expect that the Allied Governments would forcibly intervene and try to stop this traffic."

"The Norwegian Government cannot in any way agree to belligerent countries placing mines in Norwegian territorial waters. The Government must claim that such mines be removed at once and that patrolling by foreign warships cease."

"The Norwegian Government must reserve the right to take such appropriate measures as this violation of our neutrality may demand."

Foreign Minister's Statement
OSLO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—M. Koht, the Foreign Minister, referred to the note which Britain and France sent to Norway and Sweden on April 5. This note in the British version said: "His Majesty's Government understand the difficult position of the two Governments owing to the threats and pressure from Germany, but they cannot but reach the conclusion that under the present circumstances, the Swedish and Norwegian Governments are not to be regarded as free organs in every respect."

The Allied note, said M. Koht, proceeded to say that the Allied Governments could no longer tolerate the present situation, "which means that Germany receives from Norway and Sweden important war materials, and Germany benefits from advantages in those countries to the disadvantage and danger of the Allied Powers."

They consequently feel that the time has now come to state clearly to the Norwegian Government that the Allied Governments will maintain certain vital claims and defend these claims in every way that they deem necessary themselves.

Appropriate Steps Necessary
M. Koht added that the Allied Note said that they were bound to take appropriate steps to defend their interests if the Norwegian Government refused to grant or cut down those advantages to trade and shipping which the Allied Governments deemed necessary for their warfare and which they felt a neutral government might reasonably approve.

SCANDINAVIANS
IN CONFERENCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, April 8 (UP).—It is understood that the Norwegian and Swedish governments have been in constant telephonic communication since early this morning.

Early impressions here are that the only course open to Norway is to forward a strong protest to Britain.

It is believed in many quarters that this is only the first move in the European War to make Scandinavia the battleground of Europe.

Swedish Reaction
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, April 8 (UP).—Norway must sweep up the mines and shoot it interfered with.

This is the opinion of Swedish naval circles, which are aroused at the Allied action.

"That would be how Sweden would defend her neutrality," a naval spokesman said to-day.

Sweden does not expect that the necessity will arise for the Allies to take action in Swedish waters similar to that adopted in the case of Norway.

Premier's Statement
LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—It is learned that Mr. Neville Chamberlain will make a statement in the House of Commons to-morrow regarding the mine-laying in Norwegian waters.

H. K. Stock
Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$.....1,485 sa.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) \$2,041 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) \$2,041 1/2 n.
Chartered \$.....9 3/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. \$.....31 n.
Mercantile, C. & \$.....12 3/4 n.
East Asia \$.....75 sa.

INSURANCES
Canton \$.....230 n.
Union \$.....500 n.
China Underwriters \$.....85 cts. n.
H.K. Fire \$ x. d. \$.....174 sa.

SHIPPING
Douglases \$.....150 n.
Steamboats \$.....10 1/2 n.
Indo-China P. \$.....100 n.
Indo-China D. \$.....80 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$/- \$.....70/3 n.
Waterboats \$.....7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$.....100 n.
Docks \$ (c. ris.) \$.....22 sa.
Docks \$ (x. ris.) \$.....10 1/2 n.
Docks \$ (ris.) \$.....6.80 sa.
Providents \$.....4.00 n.
Sh. Docks \$.....42 n.

MINING
Kallian \$/- \$.....19/- n.
Danks \$.....8.05 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....4 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels \$.....5.10 n.
Lands \$.....30 1/2 sa.
Lands 4% Debentures \$.....100 n.
Shal Lands \$.....14.10 n.

UTILITIES
Humphreys \$.....4 1/2 sa.
H.K. Rentals \$.....103 n.
Chinese Estates \$.....103 n.

TRAMS
Trams \$.....17.75 sa.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....8 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....4 n.
Star Ferries \$.....55 n.
Y. Ferries \$.....20 n.

SWIFT ACTION: FOUR
NAZI SHIPS SUNK

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authorities believe that she carried a greater number.

It has been ascertained that she was also carrying cavalry horses and other military equipment when she was torpedoed.

So far it cannot be ascertained whether she was torpedoed inside or outside Norwegian territorial waters.

Freighter Unmolested
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TRIESTE, Apr. 8 (UP).—The German freighter Ankara, which was reported yesterday to be proceeding up the Adriatic coast through Yugoslav waters with a British warship, just outside territorial waters, as escort, has arrived at Trieste.

The vessel was not molested by the British warship.

She carried a cargo of 4,000 tons of bauxite, from which aluminium is derived.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
Outside Territorial Waters

OSLO, Apr. 8 (UP).—It is officially announced by the Norwegian authorities that the German transport Rio de Janeiro was torpedoed outside Norwegian territorial waters between Lillesand and Kristiansand, off the island of Jutecen.

It is estimated that 150 out of the 300 German troops aboard have been killed.

Thirty bodies have been washed ashore. A Norwegian destroyer picked up 143 survivors.

Nazis Lose Three Ships
LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—German shipping, already restricted to limited traffic owing to the Allied sea blockade, has suffered one of the most disastrous days of the war as a result of brilliant submarine action by the British Navy.

Three large German ships, one a 5,201-ton military transport, have been sunk.

Another, the 7,600-ton Hansa Line freighter Uhenfels has been captured by the British Navy and taken into Millwall Docks, where she has proved to be a veritable treasure ship.

It is estimated that the ship and cargo are worth roughly £750,000. The cargo included tons of oil cake and ground-nuts suitable for making margarine.

The German military transport was torpedoed by a British submarine off Christiansand, Norway, after being warned by the Commander of the submarine.

She was the 5,201-ton steamer Rio de Janeiro, formerly of the Hamburg Sud-America Line, but taken over by the German Navy after the outbreak of war.

150 Lives Lost

According to an Oslo message, 150 of the 300 men aboard the Nazi transport lost their lives.

In addition to these losses, the 12,000-ton German Postdonia was torpedoed off the Rauer Islands, at the mouth of Oslo Fjord, by a British submarine, after she had been stopped by a warning shot across her bows.

The Commander of the submarine gave the crew 15 minutes to take to their boats.

After they left the ship she was sunk by torpedoes.

The crew of 56 reached the Norwegian coast without assistance.

The captain, however, was taken prisoner aboard the British submarine.

The Postdonia was outward bound from Germany.

Yet another Nazi merchantman, the name of which is not yet known, was sunk by gunfire off Lillesand.

Some of the wounded seamen were taken ashore in Norway.

Survivors Land
OSLO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Survivors of the Rio de Janeiro state that she was torpedoed by one of two British submarines four sea miles from the Norwegian coast.

It is reported that 80 horses perished in addition to 150 men.

Crowds flocked to the quayside at Lillesand when the rescued Germans, some of whom were wounded and wrapped in blankets, were brought ashore and taken away in motor cars.

So far ten bodies have been brought ashore.

China Lights (old) \$.....8 n.
China Lights (new) \$.....5.20 n.
H.K. Electric \$.....65 sa.
Macao Electric \$.....22 n.
Sandakan Lights \$.....11 1/4 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....20.40 sa.
Telephones (new) \$.....10.95 sa.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald: Macg. (Ord.) \$.....14.00 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.) \$.....12 n.
Canton Ice \$.....13 n.
Cement \$.....17 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....5.55 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms \$.....21 1/2 sa.
Watsons \$.....0.15 b. & sa.
Lancie, Crawfords \$.....7 1/2 b.
Sinceres \$.....44 b.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....1 b.
Powell, Ltd. \$.....1 b.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. \$.....45 1/2 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. \$.....100 n.

MISC.
H.K. Entertainments \$.....0.00 b.
Constructions (old) \$.....1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.
Vibro Piling \$.....8 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 \$.....52 1/2 n.
G. Bonds \$.....102 n.
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THE SEASON DRAWS TO AN END

Civil Service-Craigengower Mix-up: Champions Defeated By Club.

SINCE IT IS SO LATE in the season, it is most unfortunate that there was a misunderstanding on the part of the C.S.C.C. about their game with Craigengower which would have left them with only their Army game unplayed. They have, of course, been very unfortunate in the weather, but the fact remains that the organisation has rather broken down, chiefly owing to the great amount of Volunteer work that their captain has had to put in.

On paper if they can turn out everyone they want they have as good a side as anyone in the League. Yet they are bracketed at the bottom of the League table with University with one miserable point!

True they have two games to play but even if they played them and won them both they could only draw level with Craigengower who are fifth. I am beginning to think that this lack of organisation may have something to do with the fact that several of their leading players seem to be able to make runs—or take wickets—on all occasions when they are not playing for the C.S.C.C. It is to be hoped that things can be rectified next season when war routine has shaken down more.

Recreio Win

RECREIO were without Zinho and Gerry Gosano, and also altered their batting order, and promptly got shot out for 99 by the University. Mahmood did very well to take 5 wickets for 52. L. G. Gosano (31) and H. A. Burros (30) made more than half Recreio's total.

However, as has so often happened before, the Recreio's bowlers pulled them through, for only Matthews (27) and N. Singh (13) could get into double figures while Ozorio (3/29), E. L. Gosano (3/27) and L. G. Gosano (3/7) put the side out for 63.

This brings Recreio up to second place, but if the Army manage to bring off their game with the C.S.C.C. and win they can claim to be runners up.

Champions Lose

THE K.C.C. had rather a weak team out against the Club. Teddy Fincher is still on the (cricket) injured list, and Mackay and Robert Lee were also away. The Club had a fair side out and it was considerably strengthened by the presence of Fay, whose bowling figures of 10-6-18-5 were remarkably good.

The Club batted and Owen Hughes was taken off his first ball—a long top—However, John and Alec Pearce put on about 50, and after the former had gone for 31 runs Haynes came in to play a very nice clean innings of 54 not out.

A POOR SHOW

Hung and Ripley soon fell to Fay and apart from Archie Zimmerman (33), E. F. Fincher (22) and F. J. Lay (17) no one made any show. Apart from

Fay, of whose bowling I have already spoken, Owen Hughes collected 3 wickets for 23 runs.

Junior Division

THE I.R.C. had little difficulty in beating the Civil Service by five wickets and by their victory go to the top of the table.

They are, however, only a point ahead of Recreio, and have only one more match to play, whereas the King's Park side have two.

Sunday Cricket

THE K.C.C. lent their ground on Sunday last for a match between the Volunteer Officers and an Army team captained by M. Weedon.

The Army batted first and sadly missed Grose, who was not playing. Young (30), Holmes (22) and Hatfield (22) were the principal scorers in the rather poor score of 125. For the Club Anderson made 55. Alec Pearce just made his four necessary runs before Anderson ran him out!

1000 RUNS

IT IS PERHAPS not very frequently that 1,000 runs are made in a season. I confess I cannot speak with any certainty about pre-war cricket, in the early days of Dick and Harry Hancock, the Dixons and Tam Pearce.

The first thousand I can recall was made by Sonny Wood in the days when the C.S. used to win the Shield! Never a really good bat he had that one amazing season. Bill Brace did it at least once and I dare say there are several more. This year Anderson and Alec Pearce have done it, but I have an idea that the former has played more innings.

HIS OLD FORM

THE VOLUNTEERS only made 142, and it was pleasant to see Hatfield show a flash of his old form. He had no wickets for 21 and then proceeded to take 6 for 36—including a hat-trick. The game was, I learn a most enjoyable one.

Junior Game

I HAVE seen statements that the Police—R.A.F. game on Sunday last was not a League Game, and also that it was! At the time of writing I have not been able to check up on it. The Police won comfortably and

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soccer Ticket "Racket"

Sir—I enclose absolutely the statement made by T. K. Chan regarding the defence put up by your Correspondent "Rex" re the ramp in tickets. Furthermore, in the same article by "Rex", I charge that your correspondent is either biased or a camp follower of the Eastern Club. In stating that South China usually import players from the outside to augment their versatility is correct to a certain extent. Who can blame a Club for garnering talent?

Now if "Rex" will only look at the line up of the Eastern team, how many imported players can he name? I can at least off-hand name five or six, all of whom were specially imported from Shanghai. Take Hsu King-sing, Lau Chi-tsang, Chung Kam-hoi, Cheng Ying-kuen, Chung Yung-sun. Can you refute my assertion that these players are not imported?

It is well that your Correspondent stick to the side of writing about a game without any bias, and always to give credit where credit is due. In all, if not most of his write-ups of games played between Eastern and other Clubs, it has always been Eastern on top, and to all intents and purposes, and from reading between his lines, Eastern must be his "PET" subject. "REX" had better stick to the art of writing than to the team. Let your pen lead the way and not your sentiments.

FAIR PLAY.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuters).—The following were the results of football matches played in the Home Regional Leagues:

SOUTH "C"			
Millwall	3	Portsmouth	4
West Ham	2	Arsenal	1

Scottish			
WESTERN			
Airdrie	1	Hamilton	1

EASTERN			
Dundee	2	Dunfermline	2
King's Park	2	Dundee U.	1

this may put them level with K.C.C. if it was a League game. But Recreio still have a match in hand.

Rest Of League

I HEAR, on good authority, that it is proposed to play the K.C.C.—Rest of the League on Saturday next. I have not yet seen the side picked for the Rest, but I was very sorry to hear Grose could not play.

Referring to a point which cropped up in talk, it is my recollection that the League authorities have always chosen a team, and have not in the past asked Club secretaries to submit suggestions as to the players who were considered by them as candidates from their particular Clubs. On the whole I think it is as good a plan as any.

SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 20th April, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 11th April, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

T.A. PEARCE AND FAY BEAT KWOK AND LIANG

Tsui Yun-pui Enters Singles Quarter-finals

ONLY TWO MATCHES were played in the Colony Tennis Tournament at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday. In the Doubles, T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay beat F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, and in the Singles, Tsui Yun-pui entered the quarter-finals, beating R. G. Beisel, jr., in straight sets—6-2, 6-0.

Tsui had little to worry him, and displayed his usual excellent control with both forehand and backhand. His drives which found the far corners were particularly delightful. Beisel had only a fairly strong backhand to his credit—his forehand, volleying and overhead being generally weak.

The doubles match was more even. Following the first set, which was won by Kwok and Liang, it was anybody's game. Fay's freedom of stroke and hard-hitting, combined with Pearce's good overhead work saw them often at the net where they found points easy to get.

The Chinese pair, to a certain extent, cracked in the second set, and in the final set were completely out-played.

To-day's Programme

OPEN SINGLES

Leung Ping-chiu v. Tsui Wal-pui.

Golf

WOMEN'S COMPETITION REALISES \$171 FOR B.W.O.F.

THE ECLECTIC COMPETITION of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, in aid of the British War Organisation Fund, realised \$171.60, which represented 572 cards taken out at 30 cents per card.

The prize which was kindly given by Lady Northcote, was won by Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie, her score reading 64-105=5335. This score was closely followed by Mrs. Blair with 71-174=534. Mrs. Collins with a card of 91-20=71 qualified for the Captain's Cup.

MEDAL COMPETITIONS

The Club Medal competitions were held on March 6 and resulted in a win for Mrs. W. N. A. Smalley in the Silver Division with a score of 97-17=80, and for Mrs. Blair in the Bronze Division with a card of 104-28=73.

The Silver Cup entry list will remain open until the end of April, because owing to alterations in hand at Happy Valley, the first round cannot be played before May.

A Scotland versus the Rest match

Volunteers Participate In H.K.R.A. Meeting At Stonecutters

OVER SIXTY MEMBERS of the Hongkong Rifle Association attended last Saturday's spoon and practice shoot at Stonecutters' Ranges.

There were quite a number of Volunteers, mostly from the Portuguese Company, in the Open Sight section which was topped by Mne. S. Croft, of the Naval Range Staff, with 89. Mr. A. L. Warburton, of the Dockyard Rifle Club topped the Aperture Sight section with 95 and secured the nett spoon.

There will be a spoon and practice shoot and revolver shoot at Kowloon City Range to-morrow, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

Leading scores on Saturday were:

Aperture Sight

H'cap.	200	500	600	TU.
Mr. A. L. Warburton	2	33	32	65
Sgt. G. E. Brown	1	29	30	59
Mr. W. T. Smith	1	29	31	60
Mr. J. P. Carey	1	31	30	61
Mr. W. K. Gillman	1	31	30	61
Mr. H. J. B. Blake	1	30	31	61
Mr. G. E. Brown	1	30	31	61
Mr. D. M. Bateman	1	30	31	61
Mr. C. A. Hyett	1	30	31	61
Mr. L. A. H. Carey	1	30	31	61
Mr. E. J. Mitchell	1	30	31	61

Open Sight

Mne. S. Croft	89
Mr. H. B. Jones	87
Cpl. V. M. Hammond	86
Pte. R. M. S. Gutierrez	85
Cpl. F. Cole	84
Mr. W. A. Da Cruz-Siqueira	83
Sgt. R. J. Heap	82
Cpl. G. M. Diaz Azedo	81
Pte. O. A. Ribeiro	80
Mne. Jan. Fletcher	79
L/Sgt. Z. D. Remondino	78
Mr. H. A. Evans	77
Capt. F. P. Benavente	76
Mr. G. H. R. Fox	75
S/Lt. J. M. M. Alves	74

Hockey

Mixed Seven-a-side Tournament

The St. Andrew's Club will hold a mixed Seven-a-side Hockey tournament on Saturday, April 27, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park.

The tournament will be followed by a dinner-dance at 7.30 p.m. All hockey enthusiasts of the Club are requested to turn out for both functions. Mrs. J. R. Higgs, wife of St. Andrew's Vicar, will present souvenir prizes to the winners of the hockey tournament.

F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

TICKET FORGERIES CONSIDERED

Selling Outside Ground May Be Made Illegal

THE SELLING of spurious tickets with forged Government stamps outside football grounds received the attention of the Football Association Council at their meeting yesterday. The Chairman, Mr. W. Pryde, acknowledged the seriousness of the situation and said that means would have to be devised whereby the public got a fair deal.

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun stated that a man had been arrested in connection with the discovery of a number of forged tickets, and Legislation was being considered whereby people selling tickets outside the grounds would be liable to prosecution.

Mr. Pryde referred to criticism regarding the large allotment of seats to South China and Eastern in the Shield final, and stated that it had been agreed by the Association that South China and Eastern should have first call on seating accommodation. It was also agreed that at least half the covered and uncovered stands would be left for the Public.

Mr. Hollands said there were 50 unsold tickets on the morning of the match. Mr. Skinner said there were actually 22, which were returned to the ground and sold to the Public.

Replying to a query regarding the sale of complimentary tickets Mr. Goldenberg, Secretary, said South China had over 40 hawkers with passes. These were cancelled by the Association, and nine others issued. One of the nine hawkers was caught trying to dispose of his ticket. This was cancelled and the man arrested.

A sub-committee comprising Mr. Pryde, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun and Mr. Goldenberg was formed to go into the matter. Fifty per cent. of the net receipts were paid to Macao in the recent interport match, but the Chairman said that the cost of the interport dinner was more than the Association's share.

The final of the Lal Wah cup will be played at the Hongkong Football ground on Sunday. Major Gen. and Mrs. Grasett will be present and the Cup presented by Mrs. Grasett.

UNSAFE STANDS

A letter from the Hongkong Aren Sports Board asking for a contribution to the cost of the stands at Sookunpo was rejected.

Mr. Hollands said he had previously drawn the attention of the Council to the state of the stands at Sookunpo, and the match should never have been played there. He suggested the Council enquire when the stands were last renovated or overhauled.

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun said that if the stands were unsafe before the match the responsibility did not fall on the Association.

The gates of the ground had to be closed before the start of the China-Scotland International Charity Cup competition on March 25 owing to

the unsafe state of the uncovered stand.

Messrs. Wong Ka-tsun, J. Skinner and L. H. S. Cooper were elected to the sub-committee to allot the \$8,000 from the Sunday Herald cup to charities.

PROTEST

A letter from South China regarding the junior shield match against the Royal Engineers was read. In the letter Mr. W. H. Chen stated that he had been directed by his committee to lodge in the most vigorous terms, a complaint and protest at the manner in which the game was handled by the referee.

The letter expressed the opinion that the referee was completely lacking in his control of the game and questioned his competency in handling a game of such importance. It also referred to the penalty kick against South China which, it is alleged, was a definite error by the referee.

Mr. Chen said South China were hiding by the decision of the referee but were protesting on the grounds that the referee should have been neutral, according to the rules governing Shield matches. South China were playing an Army team, and an Army man was placed in charge of the game.

The Chairman said he agreed with Mr. Chen regarding the handling of the match by the referee, and he sympathised with him in the matter. He agreed to write to the Referee's Association regarding neutral referees.

Strong Army XI To Play Chinese In Lal Wah Cup Final

ARMY will field a very powerful eleven against the Chinese in the final of the Lal Wah Cup football competition on the Club ground on Sunday, April 14, commencing at 4 p.m.

The Army team is as follows—Cpl. Duncan (Royal Scots), Pte. Nalim (Middlesex), Sgt. Freshwater (Middlesex), L/Cpl. Bright (Middlesex) and Pte. Wilkinson (Middlesex); Pte. Innes (Royal Scots), Pte. Gordon (Royal Scots), Sgt. Fox (Royal Engineers), Pte. Fleming (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Dunfield (R.A.C.). Reserves: Pte. Innes (R.A.C.), Cpl. Taylor (R.A.C.), L/Sgt. Guy (R.A.C.), Pte. Saw (Middlesex) and Cpl. Martin (R.A.C.).



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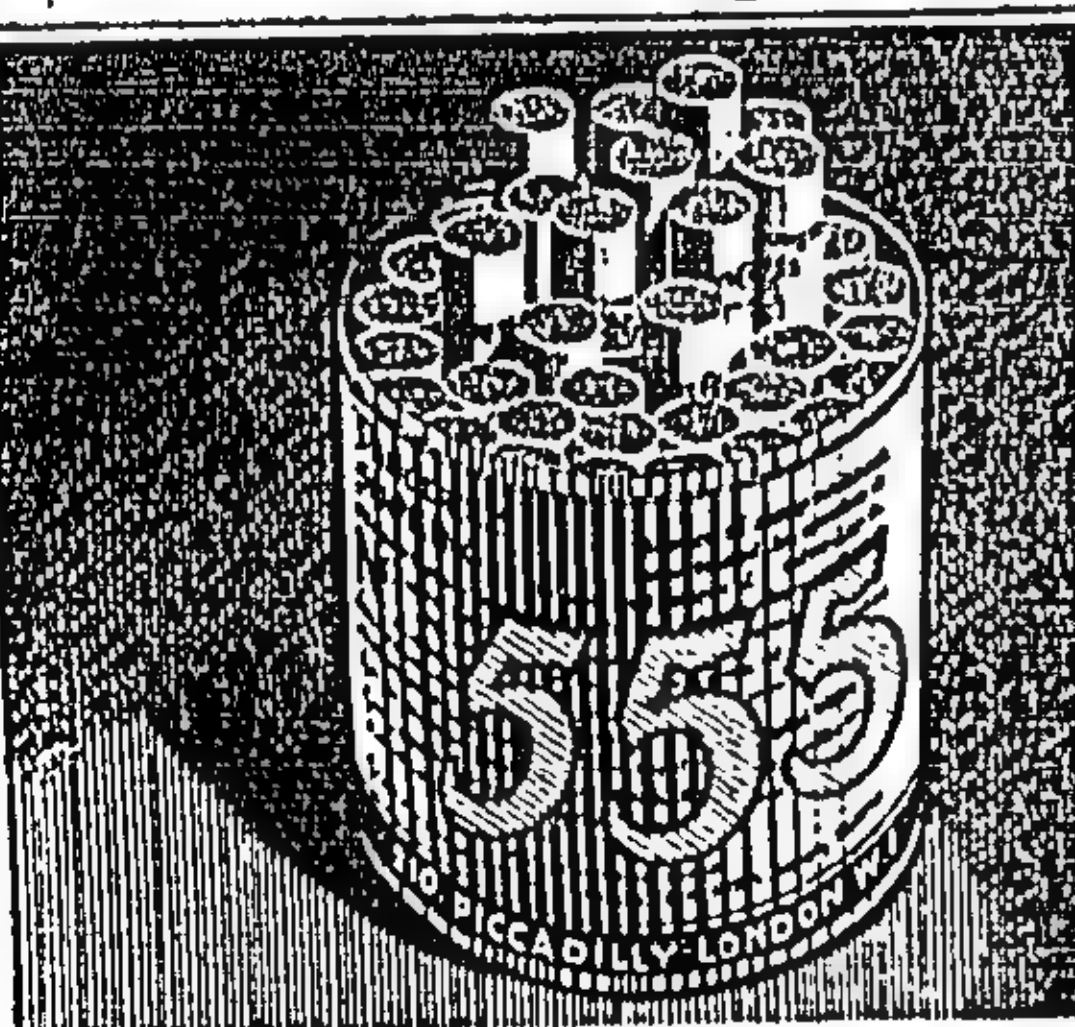
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ANDY HARDY GETS SPRING FEVER

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AT THE auditorium door, Rose Meredith bade the last of the "actors" good night. She had already telephoned the light company and everything would be fixed by morning. Then she turned. "Last as usual, Andy?"

"I guess so." He leaned against the wall. "Gee, it was a terrible show, wasn't it?"

She spoke comfortingly. "You know what they say about bad dress rehearsals. It means the show will be good."

"Mmmmm." Then he leaned forward and there was desperation in his face. "Rose, will ya let me ask a favour?"

She didn't reprove him for the "Rose" this time. He hadn't even known he had said it.

"Lemme walk home with you to-night," he begged.

She looked at him knowing that he was waiting for the sick, awful disappointment of her "no." Then she said, quite impersonally "all right. Let's go." They sauntered down the street and suddenly they were at the Carvel Park Gardens with its white fountain all silver in the moonlight. Andy looked up at the sky. "Gee, it's a swell night."

She quoted softly, "How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this land."

Look how the floor of heaven is thick laid with patines of bright gold.

He was staring at her, fascinated. "You know," he said huskily, "I used to think Shakespeare was all a bunch of junk. But when you say it, it sounds different." His face clouded with honest perplexity. "Now isn't that peculiar? Suddenly he reached up to the bride's wreath above them and shook the blossoms in her hair. "You look beautiful like that," he gazed at her in wild worship and said hoarsely, "I wish it was orchids."

"Why, I think this is a lot nicer. Andy. Orchids are a little obvious don't you think? They cost a lot of money, yes, but there's more poetry to these." "I never thought of that before." His face twisted and suddenly he seized her hand. "Gee, will I ever again meet anybody like you? Gee, when I'm grownup, suppose I only meet the orchid kind? He bent somebody like you, Rose." He bent suddenly and kissed her hand.

There was pity in her eyes. "Andy dear," she said casually, "let's sit down on the bench."

They faced the pool with its water lilies floating on the surface.

"Are you going to lecture me?" Andy asked.

"Why, I think that would be very unkind."

"Then--can I talk? And can I be sure that you won't laugh at me?"

"Have I ever?"

He shook his head and tried to still his young pounding heart. "That's one of the things I like about you. Well," he didn't dare look at her, "Rose, can you believe anybody my age can be in love?"

"Yes--I can."

His voice was steady. He was speaking almost like a grown man. "I want to get a job this summer. Rose, start earning my own living. I'm younger than you, but you're not much older than me. What I want to know is--" He set his jaw and struggled on. "Could

I have any kind of a chance with you?"

She groped for the right thing to say. "You're a very attractive boy, Andy, but my dear, there are so many barriers between you and me."

"But you like me. I know you do. Oh don't you understand?" he cried. "I'm trying to ask you to marry me." With trembling fingers he brushed back a lock of hair. "It's kind of an important step to take, isn't it? I mean, I've never thought about marrying before. And I've never asked anybody before, either."

"Thank you for the compliment, Andy," she said slowly, "but I must be honest with you--"

He jumped up. "Don't don't. I know what you're going to say. He struck one fist with the other. "Why did I have to be born younger?"

"Andy, listen to me..." "I won't listen. I won't go on with the play. I'll hop a freight out of town. I'll do anything but stay here. I won't stay here."

She rose and grasped his arms and gave him a little shake. "Now stop that." He was quite still and she smiled at him. "Don't ever try and fool me, that you'd be a quitter. Five hundred people are coming to see us to-morrow night and we're going to give them the best show we can. But we won't do it if we get confused and emotional and tied into knots to-night."

"I know--"

"Listen Andy, to-morrow night after the play's over I want a few minutes with you alone. I want to tell you a story, Andy, and then you must make your own answer--to the question you asked me to-night." She put out her hand. "Is it a deal?"

He grasped her fingers. "Ok," he said quietly. "It's a deal."

She turned away from him. "Now I'm going down the path to my house, alone. I want to think. Goodnight Andy."

When she was out of sight, he began to plop home-wards. But as he was walking up the front steps he realised feverishly that he must talk to Dad again. Now he had something really im-

portant to say, now there was a decision to be made.

As usual at this hour, the Judge was in his den. This time Andy wasted no time in coming to the point. "Dad," he said directly, "I decided it was only fair to tell you--I'm making some plans for the future."

From the heaviness of his own heart, the Judge forced a smile. "Come young fellow sit down. Now then, what plans?"

Quickly, Andy told him. He was going to get a job. He had a few things in view and he had decided not to finish high school. College, of course, was completely out. There were more important things than that in life.

The Judge stroked his chin nervously. "Well, maybe you're right, Andy." Handling this, he realised, was going to be touch and go. "May I ask why you're making these changes?"

"I want to get married."

"I see. Well, Andy, your mother's going to ask this so I might as well. To whom?"

"Rose Meredith."

"Hm." The Judge digested this gravely. "She's a nice young lady, of course, but don't you think the difference in your ages--"

Andy got up and began to pace the floor. "Look Dad, what's a difference of five or six years? I'm pretty near seventeen and she's twenty-three. I'm thinking of the future when we're both past thirty and settled down to grow old gracefully together."

The Judge's eyes were serious but warm with affection. "Andrew, listen to me a moment. Do you want to take on premature responsibilities? Do you want to grow up suddenly, instead of wisely? Do you want to make that transition in one foolish leap?"

"The sooner you get married, the sooner you grow up."

"Thousands of young people have tried that theory and crippled themselves for life."

Andy muttered.

"Oh yes you do. At forty you don't want to find that you were trapped into being an adult, you don't want your life filled with the bitterness and tragedy that passes through my courtroom every day, you don't."

Andy stepped back as if he were at bay. "Dad I do know what you mean but it's just as though something inside me keeps saying, 'he's wrong, he's wrong, don't listen.'"

The Judge's gaze held infinite pity. "I know what that voice is, it's Springtime."

Andy's face was long with misery. "I guess this is once you and I just don't hear each other Dad. But you're a swell guy and--"

"When are you going to--ask the young lady?" The Judge held his breath. Maybe he'd been wrong about that girl. Maybe this was one of those things that he wasn't going to have any way about, after all.

"I did. To-night. She's gonna answer me to-morrow night."

"Andy, I hope--that no one gets hurt."

"Andy's smile was tender and far off. "Oh I wouldn't hurt her." Then he looked at his father. "Gee, I wish it was to-morrow night."

"Andrew, Andrew," the Judge cried. "A year from now you'll remember this moment and you'll wish you'd tried to see it my way."

Swiftly, Andy went to the door. He turned once. "Goodnight Dad," he said sorrowfully and moved toward the stairs.

Long past midnight, Judge Hardy was still sitting there in his den. Andy, the board meeting--it was all jumbled together in nightmare.

Toward dawn the door opened softly and his wife stood there. She came to him and put her hand on his head. "What's wrong, dear?"

"Everything." His voice was thick. Then he began to speak in a miserable confession. "Emily, I've been a fool. I smelled some lilacs in bloom and I got to dreaming. For the first time in my life I got greedy."

"I don't see any harm in that," was the stanch reply.

"But I've lost a lot of money. And you know how hard it is and how long it takes us to save. Half of it belongs to you and I've lost it. But that isn't the worst. I've lost others in this town with good faith because I endorsed the deal. And there's no way of paying them back their money. I went on brokenly. "We don't have enough. Yet I'm responsible."

"James dear," she said, "there's always to-morrow. There's always another chance, another opportunity, to find some way out." He groaned.

"Does it? Suppose you come with me and see." She drew him to the window. Outside, far far to the east, the sky had paled to a shimmering grey. "Darkest before dawn, darling."

"Then you--you think I can figure it out?" He was begging for her belief.

"Think? I know. Of course you can."

SOME hours later he was on his way to the Court-house. So deep in thought was he that he hardly noticed Don Davis' greeting until the man's second try. Don button-holed him.

"Say listen Judge, I'm a member of the Citizens Protest Committee and we need some legal advice. "Protest Committee for what?" "We're going to raise a little Cain with the Public Works Committee in the charge of the road building campaign."

"Why?" "Well, here we're paying expensive taxes for all this work to be done and you know what Jeff Adams discovered? That that dumb committee is importing gravel--just that--bringing gravel in from another county to be used on our roads at a price that'll make your hair curl."

The Judge was thoughtful. "Bringing in gravel..." "You'd think they were buying gold dust the money they're paying out. And who pays the bills? We do, the taxpayers."

"Did you say--gravel?" Judge Hardy asked in a curiously hushed voice.

"Why yes." And then Don thought the Judge had clean gone crazy. "Say--what the--"

"Gravel!" the Judge yelled and he began to wave his arms like a madman. Then, without a word, he turned around and began running back to his house, his coat tails flying behind him in the breeze. For one hour he toiled feverishly over his law books. Then he left the house to pay a few visits. His first stop was at the headquarters of the Protest Committee. Next he went to the Public Works Bureau of the Town Council. And finally, it was time for the Board Meeting of the Carvel Aluminum Corporation.

Standing at the head of the directors table, he faced the men who had been his partners in the venture.

"Gentlemen," he said for the first time in days, his heart was light. "Mr. Willis and Mr. Hansen having been called out of town, it is my unpleasant duty to bring you bad news."

"Bad news, Judge?" Benedict asked suspiciously.

"The City of Carvel has issued us an ultimatum. Either we sell the aqueduct property to the town for its nominal value as a source of gravel or the town will condemn the property and take it over."

That was the idea he had worked out in his den and the Public Works Bureau had heartily endorsed it. It remained now to convince these men that it was the only thing to do.

But all five of his partners immediately started an uproar. Higginbotham was ready to tear the town apart. Anderson wanted to fight. Miller yelled that they'd carry it clear to the Supreme Court.

"Just a minute boys," Benedict said quietly. "Frankly, I'd agree to fight to protect our money by fair means or foul if--"

He turned to the Judge and smiled. "If you weren't in this with us, Judge, isn't that right men?" There was a hesitant murmur of assent. "I don't think any of us wants to see honest Jim Hardy fighting the taxpayers of Carvel!"

Judge Hardy restrained his dry lips. "That's mighty fine sentiment but--now he forced the truth from himself, "Gentlemen, what I have just told you is true--but it's based on a lie. I've been trying to save my own face but I can't go through with it. Willis and Hansen have disappeared and taken our seventeen thousand dollars with them."

There was a gasp of horror. "But what about the chemist's report on the aluminum?" Benedict demanded. "The land has eight per cent of aluminum."

The Judge nodded. "I checked that yesterday with a friend of mine in the State University. The entire surface of the earth is eight per cent aluminum." He smiled grimly. "But it's commercially impractical to extract it."

"Well, I'll be jigged," Higginbotham gasped.

Judge Hardy wiped his forehead. "The town will buy the land for gravel. We've been saved by the skin of our teeth."

"Duy nothing of the kind," Benedict said warmly. "You can't tell me you didn't dig up that idea of selling to the city."

The others heartily backed Benedict up. Then they rallied round

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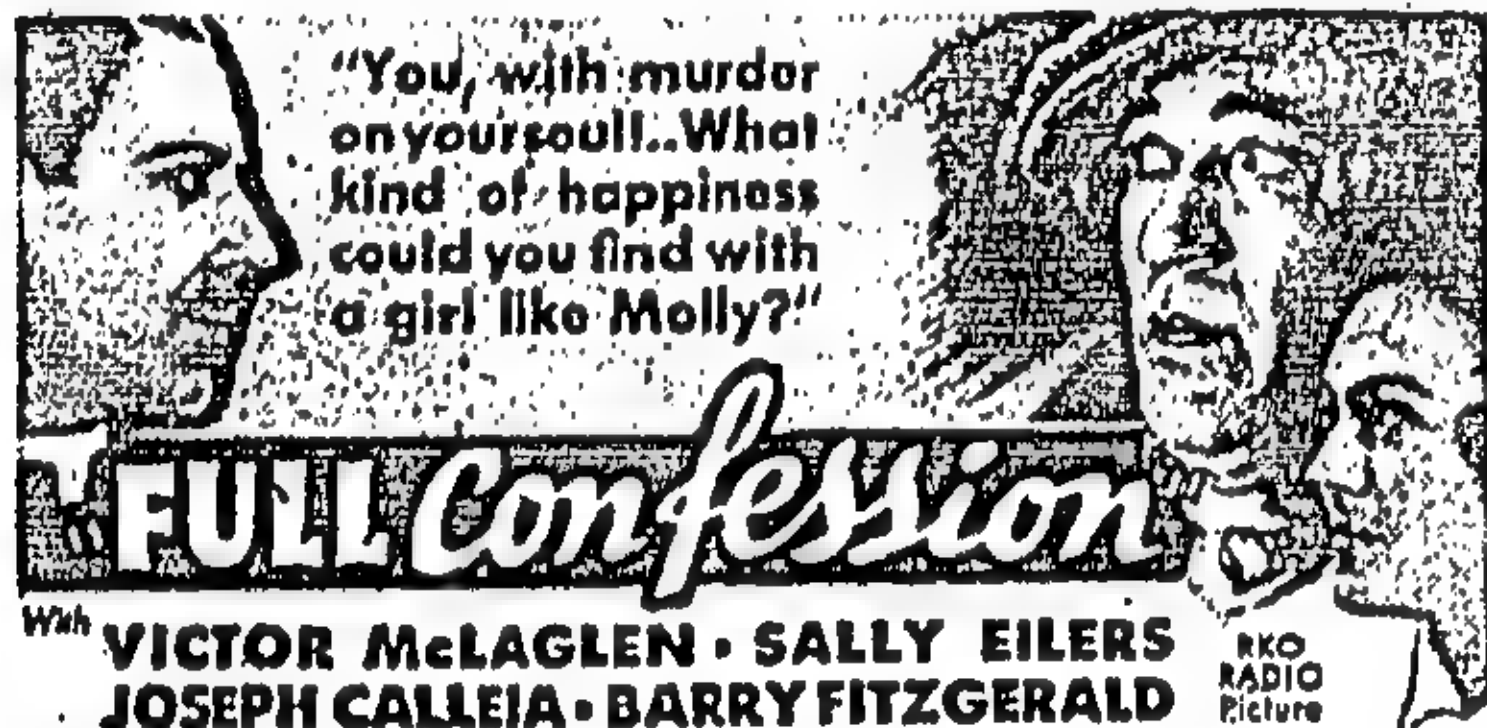


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Hans, who lives in Stormont-road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, and is a clerk in a paint factory, went before the South-Eastern Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal yesterday, says a Homeside reporter.

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Five years ago they all decided to come to England, where Hans was born. Hans' father, however, was not allowed to leave. And his wife decided it was her duty to remain with him.

Hans didn't want to fight for Hitler. How could he fight against people of his own race, his mother's people?

But to stay meant to fight.

Judge's Question

He decided that in England, where a man has a right to state his case, a right to criticize, he might escape Army service, if war came, on the grounds of a conscientious objection. His other brother came to England, too. He is in Leeds.

After all, argued Hans, could anyone ask him to fight against his brother in Germany, his father, or his father's people?

For nearly five years he had no cause to put that theory to the test. Then came the war, conscription, and the call up... and yesterday older men than Hans puzzled their heads over it.

"If you felt so strongly against fighting for England because your people were in Germany, why didn't

you go back and rejoin them?" Judge Davies, the chairman, asked him.

Hans replied, "I thought my double nationality and divided loyalties would exempt me from military service."

What Do You Think

He pleaded: "I cannot help in the destruction of my people."

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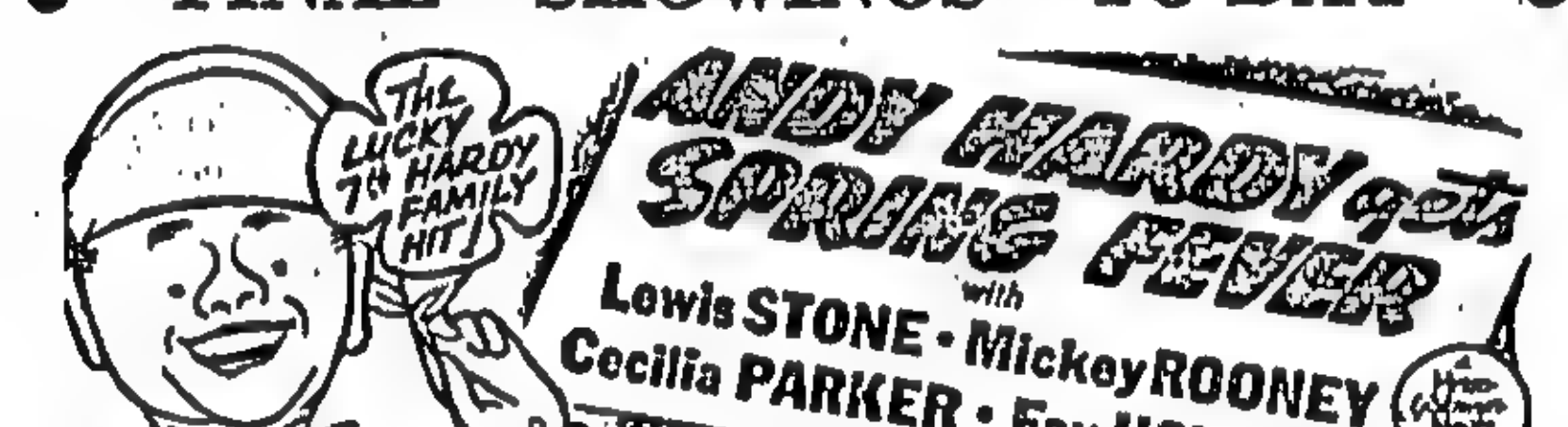
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTREAL, APRIL 9 (UP).—"THE DEVELOPMENTS IN NORWAY MEAN THAT THE EUROPEAN WAR WILL SPREAD ON A TREMENDOUS SCALE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS."

This solemn prediction was made to-day by Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, former Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron in Hongkong.

Admiral Kelly forecast that Soviet Russia and Germany will proclaim an open military alliance in order to clarify the issues.

"Not only northern Europe but south-eastern Europe will become an active theatre of war as the Allies attempt to halt the flow of oil to Germany," Admiral Kelly said.

NEW BATTLEFIELD EXPECTED
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, April 9 (UP).—Belgium fears that a new battlefield has developed in northern Europe as a result of the Allies' decision to mine Norwegian waters.

Official Belgian circles understand that Germany is determined to continue at all costs her supplies of the vital iron ores which have now been cut off by the Allied action.

It is reliably stated that the Belgian authorities knew of the Allies' decision regarding Norway as long ago as last Saturday.

Political circles do not believe that the new situation will affect Belgium.

It is semi-officially stressed here that Norwegian neutrality is of a different category to that observed in both Belgium and Holland. Norway permits the entry of belligerent ships into her territorial waters; the Lowlands, on the other hand, have prohibited the entry of warships of any of the belligerents.

Norway's Precautions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OSLO, April 9, (Domei).—The Norwegian authorities have ordered all Norwegian ships in harbours north of West Fjord to remain in port.
Maritime traffic along the Norwegian coast has now been completely suspended.
An emergency session of the Norwegian Diet has been called.
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ADRIATIC MINED

New Allied Action Is Reported

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Yugo-Slavia, April 9, (Domei).—It is reported here that Great Britain and France have mined the entrance to the Adriatic Sea.

The Yugo-Slavian Government announces that, in view of the situation created by this new contingency, Yugo-Slavia has decided to act in future in concert with Italy.

Italy's Position

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, April 9, (UP).—It is believed certain that Italy will not close the Adriatic Sea without giving due notification to other Powers.

If, however, Italy decides to take this action, any attempt by warships of third Powers to pass the Straits would be considered a challenge to Italian authority in the Adriatic.

During the Great War Italy closed the Oronto Straits.

With command of Albania, Italy could now close the Adriatic Sea at a moment's notice. Big coastal batteries on both sides of the narrow Oronto Straits command the entrance to the Sea.

FRENCH "REDS" ARRESTED

PARIS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Police have arrested five alleged right-wingers accused of organising Communist propaganda in the industrial area of northern Paris.

The Police assert that the accused are taking orders from the Third International.
Twelve others were arrested elsewhere in France.



Military Exercises

Hongkong Forces Take Up Positions

The British army in Hongkong is now ready in positions to defend the Colony against an enemy attack.

This is revealed in an official communiqué concerning the military exercises which are being carried out this week in Hongkong.

The communiqué reads:
"The exercises being held from April 8 to 12 are designed primarily to give the Administrative Services and units practice in their war duties. For this purpose, part of the garrison deployed to-day (Monday) and all positions were occupied by 6 o'clock this evening."

"Owing to the administrative nature of the exercise and to the fact that there will be little movement, the situation will not change materially from day to day."

"It will be the task of the administrative services to maintain the fighting troops in these positions with all that they require until the end of the exercise."

Kenya's War Effort

NAIROBI, Apr. 8, (Reuter).—Kenya is preparing to produce more wheat, flax and beans for Britain in the advice given by the East African Trade Delegation which is now visiting London.
Kenya is also planning a war-time supply of hay in the near Middle East.

Shanghai Now Ready To Go To The Polls

JAPANESE CONFIDENT WILL WIN ELECTIONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (Domei).—The Japanese candidates in the S.M.C. elections are confident that they will all be elected.

It is claimed that the Japanese will receive 3,600 votes. There are 3,500 Japanese electors and a further 100 votes are expected from Italian and Spanish residents.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, April 9, (UP).—Wednesday and Thursday—the two days on which Shanghai voters will go to the polls to return the new Municipal Council—are probably the two most important days in the history of the International Settlement, says the "North China Daily News" in an editorial this morning.

All British and American newspapers this morning urge voters to support the officially-nominated candidates.

The Japanese, the "North China Daily News" warns, can be expected to poll almost all their own votes for their five candidates.

"Accidental voters would be well-advised to endeavour to equal the strength of the Japanese by voting in defence of their interests."

"The seriousness of the challenge issued by the Japanese is such that no reasonable man can afford to ignore it."

"The interests of Shanghai can best be protected by ensuring that the seven selected British and American candidates receive all the British and American votes, in addition to the votes of as many other nationals as possible."

XMHA Interference

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Apr. 9, (UP).—Despite American protests, very strong interference from an unidentified station continues to blanket the programmes emanating from the American-owned radio station over which American commentators are urging voters in the Municipal elections to boycott the Japanese candidates.
Campaign managers this morning predict an almost certain victory for the British and American candidates. The disenfranchisement of several PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

NAZI NAVY ON MOVE

Four Squadrons On Way North

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 9, (UP).—The Copenhagen Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" confirms that four German naval squadrons passed through the Kattegat last night, proceeding northwards.

The total strength of the German fleet is between 80 and 100 light and heavy units.

The squadron is believed to include Germany's only aircraft carrier, the Hindenburg, which was commissioned about three months ago.

London Speculations

Speculation in London—apparently largely unsubstantiated—interprets the German move as a prelude to mine-laying operations in the Skagerrak, by which means Germany hopes to close the Baltic Sea.

A serious sortie by the Nazi fleet to engage the British Navy is considered most unlikely.

The British Navy would welcome an engagement with the Germans. Correspondents point out that the Germans could muster a maximum of only 20 surface warships, which the British navy would have no difficulty in overwhelming.

Battleships To Return

Italians Recommission Two Vessels

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Apr. 9, (UP).—It is officially announced that the 23,000-ton Italian battleships Andrea Doria and Carlo Duilio will soon resume active service, after spending three years in Italian shipyards for reconstruction and refit.

They are two of four Italian battleships of this class to be reconstructed. The other two have already been completed at a cost of 300 million lire.

Both ships are relatively old, their first commissions being in 1913—over a quarter of a century ago.
They are now equipped with ten 12-in. guns and carry complements of 1,198 men each.

SWEDES RUSH TO MAN DEFENCES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 9, (UP).—The Swedish Defence Guards are being rapidly reinforced, especially in the southern districts of Skaneateles and Småland.

New Threat By Wang

Nanking May Seize Concessions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, April 9, (UP).—The remarkable suggestion that Wang Ching-wei, aided by Japan, should choose the moment when Britain and France are pre-occupied in Europe to take over all foreign concessions in China was advanced to-day by Wang Ching-wei's mouthpiece, the "Central China Daily News."

Nanking, says Wang's newspaper, is now strong enough to take over the concessions.

Britain and France, it points out, are pre-occupied, and the United States could not oppose any action taken by Wang Ching-wei, because of her tense relations with Japan and Soviet Russia.

"The recovery of the concessions is equally as important as the recovery of the Japanese-occupied areas," the paper added.

LATEST

NAZIS INVADE DENMARK

LONDON, Apr. 9 (UP).—The Exchange Telegraph reports from Copenhagen that German troops to-day crossed the Danish frontier at Slesvig and also landed at Middlefahrt where three German cruisers were lying.

Three large German warships are also reported to be in the Little Belt.

BERLIN, Apr. 9 (UP).—Responsible German quarters claim they have no knowledge of any action against Denmark.

They refuse to confirm or deny the reports until they have checked up with official quarters.

NORWAY AT WAR

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9, (UP).—The State Department announces that Norway is at war with Germany.

COPENHAGEN SAID OCCUPIED

NEW YORK, Apr. 9 (Domei).—Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, has been occupied by German forces, according to a special report of the "New York Times."

Another New York message says that the German forces invaded Denmark to-day and are now entering Copenhagen.

Scapa Flow Raid Fails

No Damage, But Nazis Lose One Plane

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 9, (UP).—The Admiralty and Air Ministry have issued a joint communiqué, stating that German planes attacked Scapa Flow yesterday evening.

No damage was inflicted and it is certain that at least one German plane was brought down by R.A.F. pursuit planes.

Exorbitant Claims

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Apr. 9, (UP).—Germany claims to have again sunk the British Fleet at Scapa Flow—the second time within a week.

In its communiqué on yesterday's Scapa raid, D.N.B. reports that "several heavy units" of the British fleet were hit by German bombs.

Two Enemy Planes Down

The Air Ministry has announced that it is now known that two enemy aircraft, which participated in the Scapa Flow raid, were shot down, and it is believed that a third, which was severely damaged, has been lost.

OLD, OLD STORY AGAIN DENIED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, April 9 (UP).—Sensational reports in the Rome "Popolo da Roma" which stated that the Netherlands would place the Netherlands West Indies under the "protection of a great Power" if Holland became involved in war were authoritatively denied here to-day.

The Amsterdam Correspondent of the "Popolo da Roma" stated that the great Powers concerned would be neither England nor Germany, implying that the United States would gain war-time custody of the Dutch colonies.

"It is an old story, repeatedly denied," said well-informed circles to-day.

Nazis Lose Warship, U-Boats And Planes Says Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 8 (UP).—ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN ISSUED BY EITHER THE BRITISH OR NAZI ADMIRALTIES, IT NOW APPEARS THAT REPORTS OF A BIG NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE SKAGER RAK ARE CONFIRMED.

EARLY REPORTS ANNOUNCE A BRITISH NAVAL VICTORY, THE GERMAN LOSSES BEING A WARSHIP, TWO U-BOATS AND A NUMBER OF AIRPLANES.

The battle appears to have been the initial clash following the departure of the German Fleet from its base at Kiel.

A Norwegian ship has arrived at Lillesand with fifty German and British survivors of the battle. Most of the survivors are from two Nazi U-Boats, which appear to have been early victims in the encounter.

The pilot of the ship said they had narrowly escaped the battle, which took place in the Skagerrak. Part of the ship's side was blown away.

A large number of bodies are being washed ashore at Kristiansand.

Nazi Fleet Off Norway

Unconfirmed reports from Stockholm state that the German Fleet is expected to arrive off the Norwegian coast at 7 p.m. It is confirmed that the Nazi warships have passed through the Danish Straits.

An Extra Edition of the "Allied Press" quotes reports from Copenhagen stating that the German fleet intends to mine the Skagerrak from the Norwegian coast to Denmark.
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SWIFT ACTION: FOUR NAZI SHIPS SUNK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, April 8, (UP).—Scandinavian newspapers are issuing Extra editions as events move to a crisis in Norwegian waters.

The British Navy has moved swiftly following the mining of Norwegian waters.

Four German steamers and a Nazi U-Boat are the first victims as Allied warships, submarines and airplanes carried Europe's war into the Skagerrak.

The German losses are:
The 2,395-ton steamer Kresta, torpedoed by a British submarine off Arendal;
The 9,000-ton German transport Rio de Janeiro, also torpedoed off Arendal.
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TURKEY'S PART IN CHAMPIONING THE INTEGRITY OF THE BALKANS

(Continued from Page 5.)

Dobrudja, Bulgaria might be
persuaded to come into line with
the other Balkan States for the
mutual protection of their com-
mon interests. Efforts continue
in this direction, and Italy and
Jugoslavia, each in her own
sphere, are collaborating to
bring about the vitally neces-
sary closing of the ranks be-
tween the Balkan and the
Danubian States.

TURKEY AND ITALY
The recent visit of Bay
Numan Menemenciloglu, the
Turkish Secretary-General of
Foreign Affairs, to Sofia seems
to have had good results, and
the exchange of telegrams be-
tween President Ismet Inenun and
King Boris seems to reveal
good understanding.

In her peace efforts Turkey
has been glad to see herself
seconded by Italy. Turco-
Italian relations appear much
improved. Whether the sus-
picions, engendered by Musso-
lini's boasted intention to re-
create the Roman Empire and
his subsequent occupation of
Albania, have been entirely for-
gotten is doubtful. But Italy's
talks with Hungary, her own
statements regarding her atti-
tude towards any Soviet move
into the Balkans, and her recent
friendly gestures incline Ankara

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MAUNALOA ERUPTING

Hawaiian Volcano Spouts Lava

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HONOLULU, Apr. 8 (UP).—
The volcano Maunaloa began
erupting about 11.30 a.m. to-day.
A long crack running north and
south of the summit of the crater is
spouting lava which is spilling in
three streams to the west, while a
larger flow is flowing to the south,
glowing brilliantly in the darkness.
None of the natives have left the
vicinity and the lava is not headed
towards farmlands or habitations.

to regard Rome as a factor for
peace in the Balkans.

Turkey's great hope is that,
following the Belgrade confer-
ences, the conversations which
will continue between Ankara,
Rome and the Balkan and
Danubian capitals may lead to a
wider appreciation of the com-
mon danger and of the common
interest to stand together, with
the backing of Britain and
France, against the invader,
whichever he may be.

JAPANESE CONFIDENT WILL WIN ELECTIONS

FROM PAGE ONE

Japanese voters last week, has
weakened the Japanese position.

Representations Made
SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—Re-
presentations concerning alleged
interference with the broadcasts of
the American-owned radio station,
XNIIA, were made yesterday by Mr.
Monroe B. Hall, Consul attached to
the Political and Protection Section
of the U.S. Consulate General, when
he called on the Japanese Consul
General, Mr. Y. Miura.

The visit was the result of a protest
filed at the American Consulate on
Saturday by Mr. L. H. Healey, the
station manager, and Mr. Carroll D.
Alcott, the commentator.

The protest alleged that Japanese
elements are operating from Hong-
kew, causing interference.

Mr. Miura is reported to have pro-
mised that the Japanese authorities
would investigate.

Interference of the station's pro-
grammes, especially the news broad-
cast, began on Saturday. It is alleged
that the interference was an effort to
handicap the station's broadcasts in
support of the British and American
candidates for the Municipal elections
as opposed to the five Japanese
candidates.

Other reports concerning the
Shanghai elections will be found on
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NAZIS LOSE WARSHIP, U-BOATS AND PLANES SAYS REPORT

FROM PAGE ONE

mark, thus blocking all trade be-
tween Gothenburg and other ports on
the Swedish coast with the Atlantic
or North-Sea.

A report from Narvik states that
two Norwegian submarines moved
out towards Westford this morning.
Two Norwegian battleships are
still in their berths but smoke is
pouring out of their funnels indicat-
ing that they are raising steam pre-
paratory to moving.

Armada Proceeding Up Coast
LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—It is
now confirmed that between 80 and
100 German warships have been
sighted steaming northwards in the
Kattegat and the Great Belt.

The armada includes several large
warships, in addition to auxiliary
craft and armed trawlers.
Reports from Oslo state that big
warships, nationality not stated, were
sighted this morning off Bud, on the
west coast of Norway, and south of
Trondheim.

Big warships were also seen from
Hustadvika, just north of Bud.
Five steamers were stopped in this
area.
It is reported from Bodø, in north-
west Norway, that ordinary coastal
traffic has been sighted proceeding
northwards through the Kattegat.

Japanese Troops Use Parachutes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KWEILIN, Apr. 9 (UP).—Japanese
forces in Central China are now at-
tempting to emulate the Russian
strategy of mass parachute landings
from large tri-motored bombers far
behind the Chinese lines.

The Japanese have established
parachute schools at Nanking, Han-
kew and other centres.

The situation in Central China
meanwhile remains quiet. Tsohsien,
60 miles west of Nanking, was de-
stroyed by a Japanese column on
April 6, it was revealed to-day.

POLICEMAN IN THE DOCK

A Chinese police officer attached
to the harbour police appeared in the
Kowloon Magistracy this morning as
the defendant in a charge of being
a member of an unlawful society.
He was Lam Muk, aged 25.
Mr. Eric Himsforth heard formal
evidence after which Lam was re-
manded for a week. Inspector Carey
proceeded.

"BARREL OF FUN"

For some years now it has been
customary for members of the Kow-
loon Cricket Club to "put on a show"
at their annual prize giving. This
year something new in that line was
attempted, when a variety concert
entitled "Barrel of Fun" was or-
ganised. This proved to be such a
success that it was decided to repeat
the performance for the public. To
this end the revue was revised, en-
larged with the addition of new ar-
tists, bringing the total to 17, and the
polished result will be produced at
the China Fleet Club Theatre on
Saturday week, April 20, under the
direction of David Kossick, in aid
of the British War Organisation
Fund. Booking is now open at the
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Those taking part will be—Bill
Colledge, Winnie Cox, Ernie Fowler,
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The match will start at 8 p.m.

The University are holders of the
league championship, and this match
should produce some sparkling bad-
minton. The teams have defeated
each other once this season, having
each won the rest of their games.

Both teams expect to be at full
strength for this encounter.

South Africa Responds

Already 60,000 Have Joined Colours

CAPE TOWN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—
In the course of a speech on war ques-
tions, General J. C. Smuts, the Prime
Minister, recalled that already 60,000
of South Africa's small population of
Europeans have volunteered for
military service.

There had been no extraordinary
effort to recruit the men, he said, but
if the war became more serious the
response would be greater still.

Northern Rhodesia, Tanganyika
and Kenya, he said, were the outposts
of South Africa and her civilisation.
"If there is any danger we shall
be there," he continued. "Perhaps
we shall have to defend South Africa
there. For all this we are prepar-
ing."

General Smuts said that there was
no isolation in the world. He had
not a drop of English blood in his
veins, but he did believe that Britain
"is our greatest friend and that Ger-
many would be a dangerous bed-
fellow."

Since September 4 last year, he
said, there had been a surge of feel-
ing in favour of South Africa's de-
cision to enter the war.

IMMEDIATE EXTEN- SION OF WAR TO INVOLVE ALL EUROPE

FROM PAGE ONE

America Concerned
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (UP).—

American afternoon newspapers gave
sensational headlines to the mining
of Norwegian waters.

Administration officials have be-
gun immediate consultations with the
Maritime Commission as to whether
U.S. ships should be banned from
Norwegian waters.

The final decision will rest with
President Roosevelt.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-
Secretary for State, told a press
conference to-day that the Ad-
ministration was still studying the
question.

No Protest Likely
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (Domel).—

It is not anticipated that the United
States will protest to Britain and
France against their action in Norwe-
gian waters.

Cuba Recognises Chiang Kai-shek

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HAVANA, April 9. (UP).—The
Cuban Government officially an-
nounces that Cuba will continue to
recognise Generalissimo Chiang Kai-
shek as the head of the Chinese
Government.

The Government has already in-
formed the Chinese Minister to this
effect.

NAZIS REFUSE PERMISSION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VATICAN CITY, Apr. 9 (UP).—It
is authoritatively stated that the
German Government has refused, for
the second time, to grant permission
to the Apostolic Nuncio in Berlin to
visit German-occupied Poland.

The request was made by the
Papal Nuncio on instructions from
the Papal Secretary of State.

JAPANESE ORDER FOR GERMAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Apr. 9 (Domel).—The
Japanese Emperor has decorated
Herr Emil Helfrich, President of the
Hamburg-Amerika Line, with the
Second Order of Merit of the Sacred
Treasure.

The award has been made "in ap-
preciation of his distinguished ser-
vices for good relations between
Japan and Germany."

SWIFT ACTION: FOUR NAZI SHIPS SUNK

FROM PAGE ONE

The 1,200-ton German tanker
Posedonia;
The 5,000-ton Nazi steamer of about
5,000 tons, at present unidentified;
A German U-boat, sunk by depth
charges off Lillesand, in the Skager
Rak.

Other Losses Reported

The above-mentioned German
losses can be accepted as authentic.
Wildest rumours in Scandinavia state
that there have been additional Nazi
losses, including a German warship,
two U-boats and several airplanes, in
a big battle in the Skager Rak.

Four bodies of unknown nationality
have been washed up on the beach at
Lillesand.

The British naval action in the
Skager Rak appears to be the first
concrete move, apart from the min-
ing of Norwegian waters, in the
Allied plan to completely sever
German supply lines in the north.

Transport Torpedoed

The transport Rio de Janeiro was
torpedoed at 1 p.m.

It is reported that she disregarded
the signals of the British submarine
to bulk flying fragments, killed
three members of the crew, but the
rest were picked up.

The Posedonia was torpedoed at 3
a.m.

Fishermen report having seen
military uniforms among the
survivors of the Rio de Janeiro. It
has been established in Oslo that the
vessel was a military transport with
a capacity for 200 troops. Norwegian
authorities believe that she carried a
greater number.

It has been ascertained that she
was also carrying cavalry horses and
other military equipment when she
was torpedoed.

So far it cannot be ascertained
whether she was torpedoed inside or
outside Norwegian territorial waters.

Freighter Unmolested

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TRIESTE, Apr. 9 (UP).—The
German freighter Ankara, which was
reported yesterday to be proceeding
up the Adriatic coast through Yuso-
Slavian waters with a British war-
ship, just outside territorial waters,
as escort, has arrived at Trieste.

The vessel was not molested by the
British warship.

She carried a cargo of 4,000 tons of
buxite, from which aluminium is
derived.

Outside Territorial Waters

OSLO, Apr. 9 (UP).—It is officially
announced by the Norwegian authori-
ties that the German transport Rio de
Janeiro was torpedoed outside Norwe-
gian territorial waters between
Lillesand and Kristiansand, off the
island of Jutecen.

It is estimated that 150 out of the
300 German troops aboard have been
killed.

Thirty bodies have been washed
ashore. A Norwegian destroyer picked
up 143 survivors.

Nazis Lose Three Ships

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Ger-
man shipping, already restricted to
limited traffic owing to the Allied sea
blockade, has suffered one of the
most disastrous days of the war as a
result of brilliant submarine action by
the British Navy.

Three large German ships, one a
5,201-ton military transport, have
been sunk.

Another, the 7,000-ton Hansa Line
freighter Unhefels has been captured
by the British Navy and taken into
Millwall Docks, where she has proved
to be a veritable treasure ship.

It is estimated that the ship and
cargo are worth roughly £750,000.

The cargo included tons of oil cake
and ground-nuts suitable for making
margarine.

The German military transport was
torpedoed by a British submarine off
Christiansand, Norway, after being
warned by the Commander of the
submarine.

She was the 5,201-ton steamer
Rio de Janeiro, formerly of the
Hamburg Sud-Amerika Line, but
taken over by the German Navy after
the outbreak of war.

150 Lives Lost

According to an Oslo message, 150
of the 300 men aboard the Nazi
transport lost their lives.

In addition to these losses, the 12-
000-ton German Posedonia was
torpedoed off the Rauer Islands, at
the mouth of Oslo Fjord, by a British
submarine, after she had been stopped
by a warning shot across her bows.

The Commander of the submarine
gave the crew 15 minutes to take to
their boats.

After they left the ship she was
sunk by torpedo.

The crew of 50 reached the
Norwegian coast without assistance.

The captain, however, was taken
prisoner aboard the British sub-
marine.

The Posedonia was outward bound
from Germany.

Yet another Nazi merchantman,
the name of which is not yet known,
was sunk by gunfire off Lillesand.

Some of the wounded seamen were
taken ashore in Norway.

OSLO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Survivors
of the Rio de Janeiro state that she
was torpedoed by one of two British
submarines four sea miles from the
Norwegian coast.

It is reported that 80 horses
perished in addition to 150 men.

Crowds flocked to the quayside at
Lillesand when the rescued Ger-
mans, some of whom were wounded
and wrapped in blankets, were
brought ashore and taken away in
motor cars.

So far ten bodies have been brought
ashore.

New U.S. Consul In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (UP).—Mr.
Frank Lockhart has been appointed
U.S. Consul General in Shanghai,
viceroy Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, recently
appointed Minister to Australia.

PROPERTY DISPUTE

Expert Evidence To Be Called

A property dispute, involving a
house in Kowloon City, claimed by
two sisters who are using the same
name, was continued before the
Chief Justice, Sir Althol MacGregor,
at the Supreme Court this morning.
Plaintiff, who called herself Leung
Mei-ha, asked the Court for a de-
claration that she in the owner of
New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2351
(13 Nga Tain Long Road) and an
order for her younger sister, Leung
Shiu-fan, alias Leung Mei-ha, to re-
turn the Crown Lease and other do-
cuments in connection with the prop-
erty. Defendant counter-claimed for
a declaration that the property be-
longed to her.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr.
C. A. S. Russ, appeared for plaintiff,
and defendant was represented by
Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by
Mr. H. K. Woo.

The defence denied that plaintiff
was Leung Mei-ha and further alleged
plaintiff bought the property on
behalf of defendant to whom she was
indebted to the extent of \$8,000 for
which she signed a promissory note.

Cross-Examination

Plaintiff was recalled by Mr. Pot-
ter this morning for further cross-
examination. Mr. Potter produced
an identification certificate issued by
the Japanese authorities in Canton
to her elder sister in the name of
Ho Chan-shi. Plaintiff agreed her
sister had married a man surnamed
Ho, but said the name of Chan might
have been adopted by her sister.
Their family name was Leung, she
declared. She denied she was also
known as Chin Ng-koo.

Re-examined by Mr. Chen, plain-
tiff said defendant gave instructions
to someone to write the name of
Chan Yuel-ha on the promissory
note. The name was one plaintiff
used in the title-deed.

Mr. Potter pointed out that plain-
tiff, when questioned at length by
him yesterday, had stated she did
not know how the name came to be
on the document.

Plaintiff added she signed the pro-
missory note in order to prevent it
having any connection with the prop-
erty.

Ex-Amah's Evidence

Cheung Sun-mui, a former sewing-
amah, said she used to work for
Europeans and had been to Singapore
and England. She had saved up
quite a lot of money during her ser-
vice. She had known plaintiff since
they were children and always
knew her by the name of Leung
Mei-ha. Witness knew she had a
younger sister Leung Shiu-fan, and
had seen her once before.

Witness identified a promissory
note given to her by the plaintiff in
respect of a loan of \$2,000, and said
\$1,500 had since been repaid. That
money had been borrowed by the
plaintiff to purchase a house.

Cross-examined by Mr. Potter,
witness said she brought approxi-
mately \$7,000 in money and jewellery
back to Hongkong from Singapore. She
lent the money to plaintiff because
they were friends. When witness
first went to Singapore and had no
money, plaintiff had advanced money
to her. Plaintiff was not surnamed
Chan.

Tam Fung, amah employed by
plaintiff, said her mistress's name was
Leung Mei-ha. Sometime ago, plain-
tiff left Hongkong for Cholon, in
French Indo-China, taking a girl, Ho
Seung-ling with her. When they re-
turned, Leung Shiu-fan came with
them. Witness knew defendant's
name through plaintiff calling her.
Defendant addressed plaintiff as Ng
Kar (fifth elder sister).

Quarrel Described

During the course of household
duties, witness heard defendant ask
plaintiff to let her see the title-deeds
and plans of the house. These were
produced by the plaintiff. Later,
witness heard plaintiff ask for their
return, and there was a quarrel be-
tween the sisters over them.

Defendant asked plaintiff to go with
her to Hongkong to see a solicitor to
sign a certain document, but plaintiff
put her off. Defendant became an-
noyed and threatened to call the
solicitor to the house to make her
sign.

Cross-examined by Mr. Potter,
witness said she never heard plain-
tiff call the defendant "Ah Mei".

Mr. Chen said that was his case,
with the exception of calling an
expert witness to testify regarding
the writing

MAGAZINE PAGE

The story of Rudolph Diesel's engine and the mystery of his disappearance.

DR. Rudolph Diesel was crossing the English Channel on the night of September 29, 1913. He was going to London to attend a meeting of manufacturers, and to confer with the British Admiralty.

It was ten by the ship's bell when he said good-night to his friends and went to his state room. The next morning he did not appear.

He was never seen again. His disappearance became an international sensation. When the war broke out there was a rumour that Diesel had been killed by the Germans to keep him from giving technical secrets to the British.

The mystery, unsolved, was gradually forgotten, and the average man-to-day has never heard of either the story or the engineer.

There is no adequate account of his life in English. Yet Rudolph Diesel was one of the greatest of inventors.

His name has become a common noun; diesel liners furrow the seven seas, diesel trucks rumble along the highways, diesel-powered planes criss-cross the skies, diesel tractors plow our fields.

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BORN in 1858, of a line of German artisans, young Rudolph was trained by his father as a mechanic.

With a quick, inventive mind, he dashed through the Augsburg Trade Schools, and won a scholarship at the Munich Technical Institute. When he had finished there, at the age of 20, he had broken every academic record, and the astounded faculty met him in a body and shook hands with him.

Two things more important than that happened to Rudolph Diesel at Munich. He listened to a lecture, and he saw a small gadget that looked like a popgun.

The lecture was by Dr. Carl Linde, famous pioneer in artificial refrigeration. He discussed the steam engine and pointed out that the best then in use wasted 90 percent of the energy in the coal.

In a note-book which has been preserved Diesel scribbled: "Mechanical theory teaches us that only a part of the heat in the fuel can now be utilized."

Doesn't it follow that the utilization of steam, or any kind of go-between, is false in principle? The possibility suggests itself of putting the energy to work directly. But how can this be done?

The popgun-like gadget was a cigar lighter. The air in the cylinder, heated by the compression of a plunger, ignites a bit of combustible material.

This gave Diesel a hint as to how he could "put energy to work directly."

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MARRIED and settled in Paris as an agent for Professor Linde's ice-machines, Diesel worked nights on plans for the engine of his dream.

Sometimes Mrs. Diesel found him in the morning asleep over his desk.

His pile of blueprints and pages of figures kept mounting. He knew that the more you compress air, the hotter it becomes. (Put your hand on a bicycle pump in action and you get the idea.)

Now why not build an engine in which the piston pulls in nothing but pure air in its loading stroke, and then drives back toward the cylinder head, compressing the air to about one sixteenth of its former volume, and he computed, heating the air to 1000° Fahrenheit? At that point inject a drop of oil into the cylinder. The hot air will ignite the oil, and its combustion will drive the piston down. There would be no complicated ignition system.

Many men would have gone into the machine shop at that point and proceeded by trial and error, but that was not Diesel's way. Everything about that engine, down to the last bolt, had to be figured out and put down on paper.

He was 35, and had been transferred to Linde's office in Berlin before he had his manuscript ready for the printer. He had already taken out patents. In January, 1893, the work was published. "Theory and Construction of a Rational Heat Motor" is a slender pamphlet, but it belongs to that small shelf of books which have changed the world. Diesel knew that not more than a score of men on earth would grasp its significance, and he prepared for coldness and ridicule. He got both. Scoffers called it a "paper engine," for it existed only in a book.

THE FORGOTTEN INVENTOR

BUT Krupp agreed to finance the invention, and in August, 1893, Diesel's first motor was ready for a test.

We see the inventor in an Augsburg machine shop, anxiously watching an upright, pumpkin-like contrivance with a slowly revolving flywheel. No engine like this has ever been seen before.

The outlandish thing needs outside power to push the piston up, and down. Diesel waits impatiently. At last, eyes blazing with excitement, he pulls a lever and the vaporized fuel spurts into the imprisoned, fiery-hot air.

There is a blast like a cannon shot, and chunks of metal bombard the room. Barely missed by death, Diesel leaps to his feet with a shout of triumph.

"That's what I wanted to know!" he cries. "It proves I'm on the right track!"

He talked four more years on that track. Then one day the world's most famous engineers flocked to Augsburg to see a 20-horsepower "dieselmotor" that amazed them with its efficiency.

Now Diesel's prophecy has come true. The volume of diesel horsepower installed in 1937 was 20 times the total of five years before. Diesel's power drives the streamlined trains; there, at the age of 20, he had broken every academic record, and the astounded faculty met him in a body and shook hands with him.

THE diesel engine's advantage is that it uses the cruder and cheaper forms of petroleum. True, the price may go up as the diesel boom increases demand.

But the Augsburg genius thought of this. His engine will run on almost anything. At the start, Diesel tried powdered coal. It worked, but it scored the cylinder. Diesel also used castor oil, palm oil, fish oil, cottonseed oil and peanut oil. Tar and melted asphalt have been used. Even buttermilk will turn over a diesel, although engineers don't recommend it.

Tragedy was only a few months away when Dr. Diesel returned home after his American visit in 1912. Two friends crossed the Channel with him on the night of his disappearance. One was Georges Carles, head of the diesel factory at Ghent.

The trio dined cheerfully, and then strolled the deck. When they went below, Diesel left the others as they passed his cabin. A moment later, he tapped on Carles' door, shook his hand heartily, and wished him good-night. It seemed a little unnecessary.

"I will see you in the morning," he said, and those were his last words.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER

GUESSING-GAME for an idle quarter of an hour.

Here are extracts from the speeches of three men who have swayed the world. Who are they? Who said which? And when?

(1) "What we possess to-day is of no importance. One thing is definite, that Germany be victorious."

(2) "My whole life has been nothing but one long struggle for my people, for its restoration and for Germany."

(3) "The war-like spirit still lives in the German people, that powerful spirit which attacks the enemy wherever it finds them, regardless of the cost."

(4) "You, my troops, are my guarantee that I can dictate peace to my enemies."

(5) "In a just cause, I am ready to force myself to be cruel."

(6) U-boats are not going to rest until the enemy is beaten with god's help.

(7) "We all want, and I want especially that the German people shall become the freest in the world."

(8) "God's goodness will guide the German people through battle to victory—to the goal appointed for it existed only in a book."

They found his nightshirt on his pillow, still folded, and his watch carefully hung on his bag.

Over a week later, a Dutch boat pulled a body aboard. It was battered beyond recognition, arms removed, the contents of the pockets, they dropped it overboard. Later a coin purse, a pocket-knife, and a spectacle case were identified as Dr. Diesel's.

But with international tension at fever heat, and diesel-powered submarines straining at the leash, melodramatic stories quickly arose.

It was rumoured that he had been published overboard by German secret agents.

In a newspaper article a man who said he had served on a German submarine told how "the traitor Diesel met the end he deserved." These stories are still printed now and then.

The truth was revealed recently in Eugen Diesel's biography of his father, so far neglected by English translators.

Behind the facade of Rudolph Diesel's confident manner, his big house in Munich, and his position of world renown, he was at the end of his rope.

All his property was heavily mortgaged; he faced bankruptcy, to him an intolerable disgrace.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"No one understands the problems of a woman of 29 like Pierre—he's understood mine perfectly for 11 years!"

Curtains for the Black-Out By Gloria

MANY PEOPLE have been managing with more or less temporary black-out curtains during Hongkong's periodical blackouts. It would be much better to provide a more attractive and permanent arrangement.

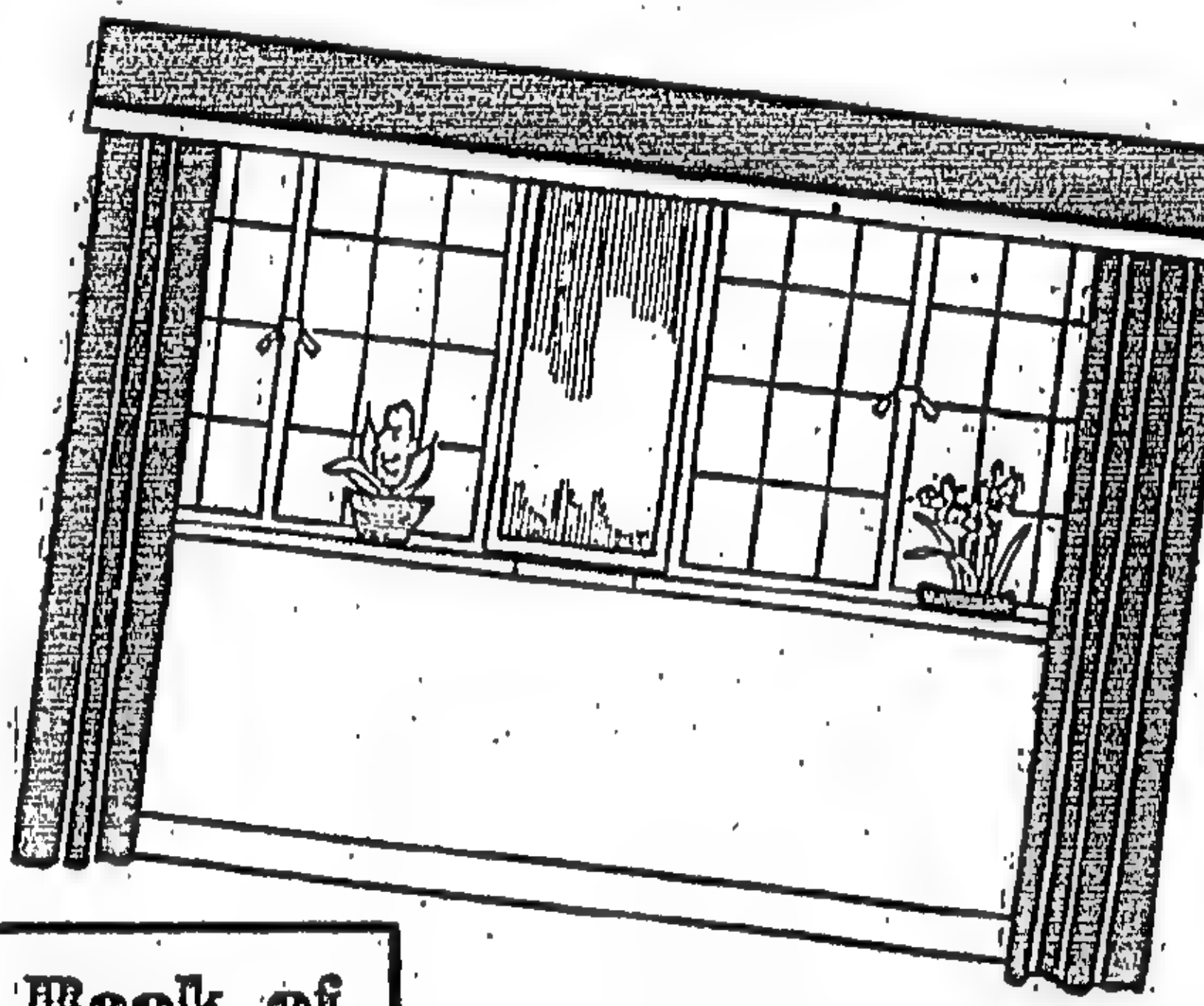
I recently visited a small house with a large French window which had been treated in an interesting manner.

The curtains were enclosed by a plywood panel and side columns which prevented any danger of chinks of light. The structure had been put up quite cheaply, and was painted the same colour as the walls.

Another good idea I am passing on is a simple alteration to a room with two windows close together.

By making a pelmet to stretch from one side to the other they can be treated as one window, which will make the blacking-out more effective.

If a mirror is hung on the wall between the windows, and the window ledge continued underneath, a very effective design is obtained.



Book of the Week

Hitler—as Seen by His Maid

By MONICA DICKENS

EVEN dictators have Servant Trouble. Hitler's biggest headache this week is coming to him from his ex-housemaid Pauline Kohler, who reveals closely-guarded secrets of Berchtesgaden, in "I Was Hitler's Maid" (John Long: 2s. 6d.).

Those peepshows on seaside piers called "What the Butler Saw" are nothing to what Pauline saw while she dusted and swept what she described as "a miniature palace, furnished with every luxury... ringed with three circles of anti-aircraft guns, every approach heavily mined..."

There are cellars, she says, "where are enacted horrors only exceeded in the concentration camps." At Hitler's private cinema, "films of indescribable tortures at prison-camps, or stripe-tease acts by his latest stage favourite, are reeled off for the Führer's delectation."

Pauline, at whom every member of the Nazi Party appears to have "made a pass," tells these stories of some of them:

Hitler has often to say to Goebbels and Goebbels: "I won't have this continual squabbling! You behave like children!"

Goebbels deliberately hit a man who stepped in front of his car, sent him flying into the air, to hit the ground a broken, shattered mass of flesh. It was the village priest.

"And that was the most pleasant afternoon's driving I've ever done," said Goebbels afterwards.

Pauline acted as personal maid to both Unity Mitford and Renate Muller during their visits to Berchtesgaden.

She has seen Hitler's astronomical laboratory, "which has never been photographed, and can only be entered by two people—Hitler and his astrologer, Ostler."

She also learned of the existence of a sequel to "Mein Kampf," provisionally entitled "How I Did It," to be published after the Nazi conquest of Europe. It sets down the names of Gauls in the conquered territories, and the names of highly-placed Nazis who are on the Führer's black list.

One wonders, en passant, what Chamberlain thought of this.

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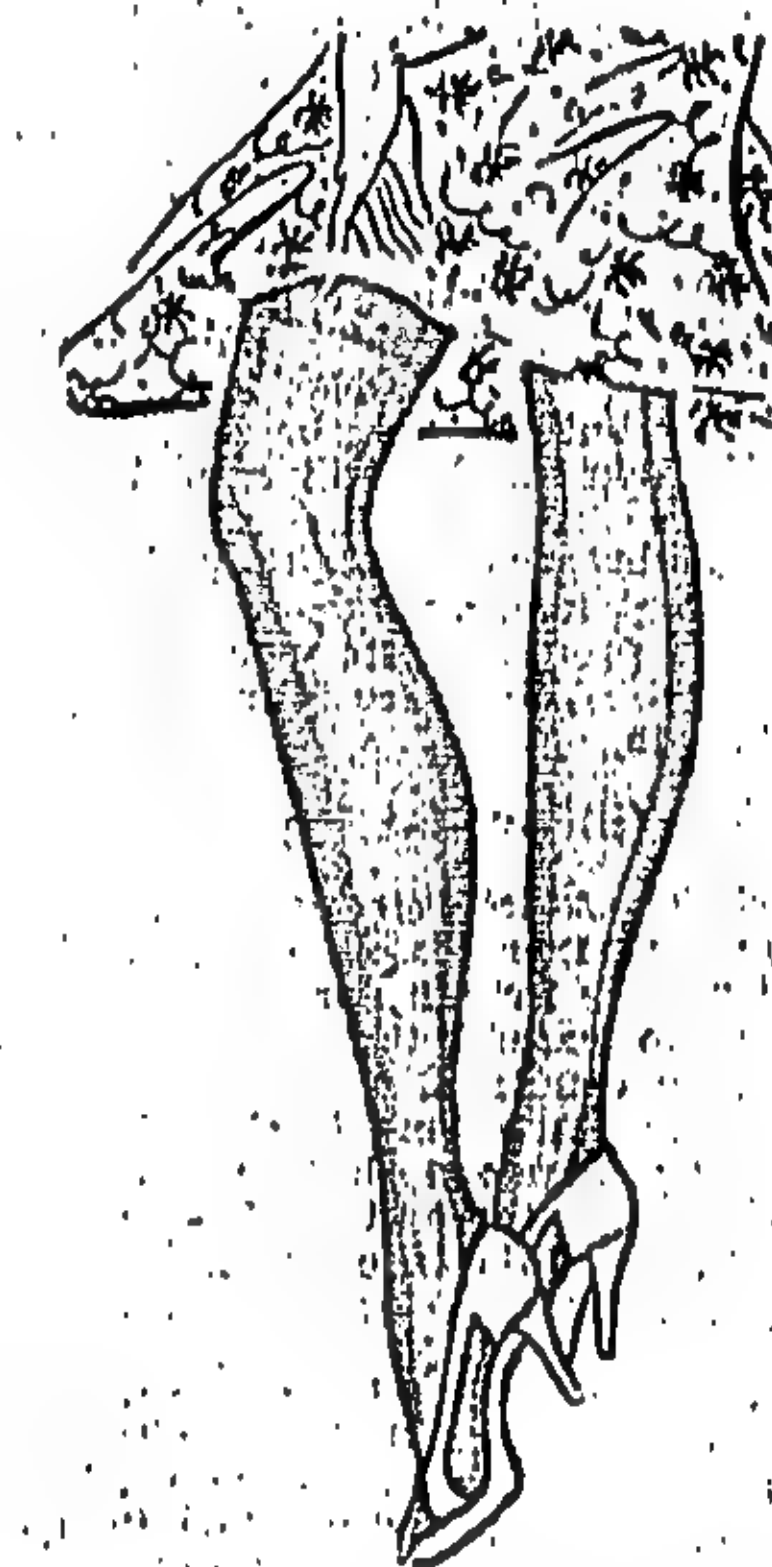
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BREACH OF NEUTRALITY

Technically Admitted By Allies

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—From all reports the German propaganda officials far outdo the Scandinavians in their indignation over the latest Allied move.

Here in London semi-official circles comment that it suits Germany to maintain that article of International Law regarding territorial waters.

The rest of the Law of the sea, for instance, does not suit them. They have ignored it in the hope of damaging British trade with Norway.

The Allies have every sympathy with the difficult position of Sweden and Norway.

The new mine-fields are not directed against the neutrals, every care being taken to ensure that Norwegian ships are not prevented from reaching their own ports or any of the small villages along the coast.

The action is solely and entirely directed against Germany.

Breach Of Neutrality

It is admitted that the mine-fields represent a technical breach of neutrality but the rules of neutrality always rest on common acceptance.

If one side persistently disregards them, it cannot claim that they should be fully complied with by the other side. That is what Germany has been doing for some time.

The Allied governments have watched Germany's brutal attacks on neutrals, attacks which have hit Norway harder than anyone else.

They have hoped that Norway herself would stop the Nazi outrages against her but it has been made plain that Norway cannot do so.

The Allies feel that they have been patient long enough.

German propagandists would have it that the Allies are threatening Scandinavia.

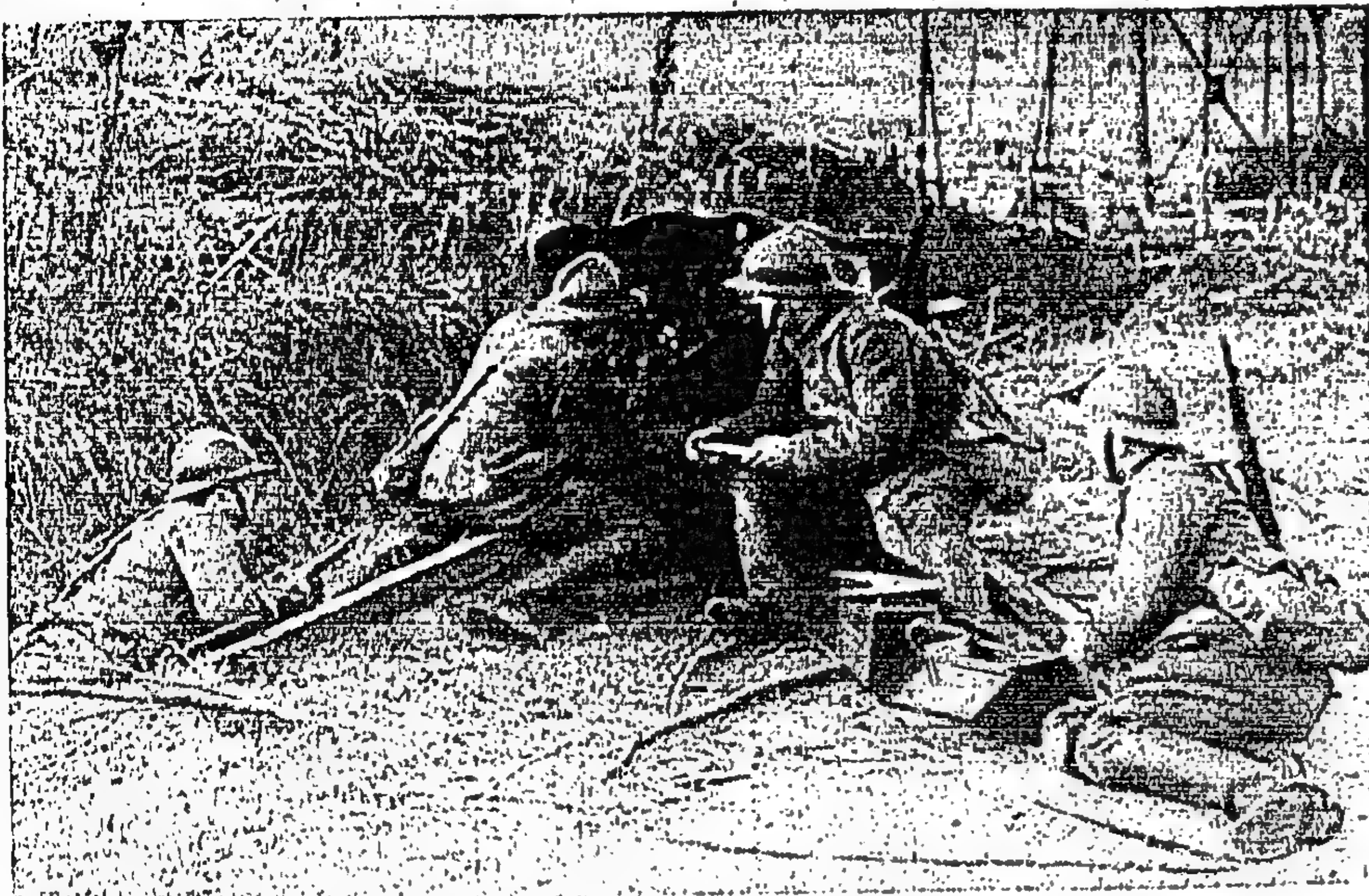
Will Act Swiftly

Official Allied circles make it clear that there is no threat and that neither Britain nor France are trying to extend the war to the northern countries.

At the same time it should be clearly understood that the Allies will act swiftly and decisively if Germany should take any military action directed against Scandinavia.

Similarly the Allies have informed Norway and Sweden that they would not be indifferent to a Soviet advance across Scandinavia and would regard unfavourably any German promise to help Scandinavia against Russia.

ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR GERMAN TANKS



AN ANTI-TANK GUN IN POSITION.—Any German tanks which seek to start a Blitzkrieg through France will meet with a warm welcome from thousands of this type of cannon, whose shells are capable of piercing tank armour at long ranges.—French Official Photograph.

Norway forwards "Serious and solemn" protest

OSLO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A "serious and solemn protest" against the Allied decision to mine certain territorial waters was handed to the British and French Ministers by the Norwegian Government to-day.

SCANDINAVIANS IN CONFERENCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, April 8 (UP).—It is understood that the Norwegian and Swedish governments have been in constant telephonic communication since early this morning.

Early impressions here are that the only course open to Norway is to forward a strong protest to Britain.

It is believed in many quarters that this is only the first move in the European battle to make Scandinavia the battleground of Europe.

Swedish Reaction

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" STOCKHOLM, April 8 (UP).—Norway must sweep up the mines and shoot if interfered with.

This is the opinion of Swedish naval circles, which are aroused at the Allied action.

"That would be how Sweden would defend her neutrality," a naval spokesman said to-day.

Sweden does not expect that the necessity will arise for the Allies to take action in Swedish waters similar to that adopted in the case of Norway.

Premier's Statement

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—It is learned that Mr. Neville Chamberlain will make a statement in the House of Commons to-morrow regarding the mine-laying in Norwegian waters.

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How The Blockade Is Hurting Germany

LONDON, Apr. 8 (British Wireless).—The British naval action to-day, which will interfere with supplies reaching Germany from the northern ports, lends special interest to figures relating to Germany's imports of iron ore published to-day.

Nearly 22,000,000 tons of this important raw material, having about 50 per cent. of iron content, were imported into the old Reich in 1938, and of this total about 9,750,000 tons came from countries to which Germany ceased to have access immediately war broke out. Of the remaining 12,000,000 tons, nearly 9,000,000 tons, with an iron content of over 5,000,000 tons, came from Sweden, the remainder being divided amongst Luxembourg, Norway, Greece and Switzerland.

Big Swedish Exports
In 1938, Swedish iron ore exports totalled 12,600,000 tons and therefore her exports to Germany consisted of approximately three-quarters of her total export of iron ore.

This mineral was mainly transmitted through three ports—Narvik alone taking 7,000,000 tons. Since these 1938 figures were published, Czechoslovakia and Poland have been annexed by the Nazis and, therefore, Swedish iron ore exports to these countries must be taken into consideration in assessing the degree of German dependence upon this source of supply.

In 1938, Czechoslovakia took 798,000 tons and Poland 125,000 tons, mainly exported through Narvik.

Being cut off since the beginning of the war from nearly half her requirements, the Reich now depends increasingly on Swedish supplies and the removal of Narvik by forcing all supplies available to come through the insufficiently-equipped Baltic ports represents a further substantial loss to Germany of a commodity in which she is already seriously deficient.

DOG OWNERS FINED

A fine of \$5 was imposed on M. Berrux, of Somerset Road, by Mr. Himmworth at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning for allowing his dog to be in Waterloo Road without a muzzle or lead on March 19.

J. E. Noronha, of Victory Avenue, Homanlin, was summoned for allowing a brown pointer dog, and a black and white pointer dog to be in Victory Avenue without muzzles or leads; and keeping them without licences on March 17. He was fined \$16.

Miss Chan, of Granpian Road, was fined \$5 for allowing her chow dog to be abroad in Granpian Road without a muzzle or lead.

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Food announces that pork will be rationed temporarily from to-morrow.

And which they felt a neutral government might reasonably approve.

The Note added that the Allies were fighting as much on behalf of small nations as for their own cause, and they could not tolerate their progress being hampered owing to the advantage Germany was now getting from Norway and Sweden. Consequently they reserved the right to take steps which they deemed necessary to prevent Germany getting from those countries materials or advantages which would benefit Germany or be harmful to the Allies.

M. Koht said that he told the British and French Ministers that there was no reason to accuse the Norwegian Government of not being free and independent. He said that he thought it unfair to address the Norwegian Government in that way. He added that there was no reason to indicate that the Norwegian Government would not respect the agreements that it had recently signed in regard to trade and shipping, and would not make an immediate reply.

Moreover, the Note said nothing about the measures which were under consideration.

New Situation Created
M. Koht said that he placed the Note before the Government on Saturday and telephoned the Swedish Foreign Minister. They agreed to prepare their replies following the same lines, but before the replies could be sent, developments occurred which created a completely new situation.

After quoting the text of the Allied Note delivered to Norway to-day, M. Koht added: "I am not going to say much about the ideas and thoughts underlying the Note. These violations are carried out solely because they have the power to do so. The Western Powers are carrying the war into Norwegian territory because they think they can more easily win the war by doing so."

M. Hambro, Speaker of the Storting, expressed the hope that the Government would succeed in removing the difficulties and that "old well-tried friendships will not be too much endangered."

The Storting unanimously approved M. Koht's speech.

Will Reject Protest
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Foreign Minister to London has protested against the mining of territorial waters by the British Navy.

It is indicated that the protest will be rejected.

The minefields will be re-laid if Norway attempts to sweep them.

Official circles state that the Norwegian protest will not deter Britain from her determination to intensify what is described as "the war of retribution" against Germany.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

A few weeks ago the Prince of Wales had a sealskin jacket made for her lap-dog in Paris, and the important fact was called over her the curious world. It was not of any profound degree of importance, but the result is amusing. One of the most prominent furriers in New York made twelve jackets for dogs immediately on seeing the news in the paper, and they were all sold within two weeks.

The Admiralty have determined to introduce a new kind of saluting in the navy. Up to date sailors have saluted their officers by raising their hats. The Admiralty will bring the hat up to the head after the military fashion, only with the side of the hand to the front instead of the palm. A reason for the change is not obvious. It may be due either to a mere desire to abolish old customs, or to the fact that raising the hat may give the men a cold in the head.

The weather on the North Atlantic during January and February was of the stormiest kind, but many vessels report that they used oil when sailing, preventing heavy seas from boarding them. Oil is now accepted as a preventer of disasters.

A few weeks ago Mariano Padoguz was found on an island off Patagonia, where he had been alone, having been shipwrecked in 1880.

The memorial stone of the Union Church was laid yesterday. The Church, it will be remembered, used to be in St. James Street, but the trustees took it down and set it in the new St. James's Hall. The stone is now in the new hall, in its present situation, Kennedy Road. Dr. J. E. Noronha, the Rev. W. Jennings, Bishop Burton, the Rev. W. Jennings, and many members being present.

25 YEARS AGO

April 9, 1915.
The Press Bureau announces that a Commission of the Order of the Bath, R.N., for chasing the Goeben and the Breslau on August 8 and 7, in the Turkish Straits, could have turned and sunk H.M.S. Gloucester, the ship commanded by Captain Kelly, any time, but apparently she was deterred by the Gloucester's boldness, which gave the impression that support was close at hand.

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The Victoria Cross has been conferred on Naval Commander H. P. Ritchie for most conspicuous bravery in the operations at Dar-es-Salaam. Although severely wounded, he captured the city, and, in the process, he rendered his services most valuable.

Insurances have been effected in London at forty guineas per cent. against a German invasion of Holland.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments for the period of the absence on leave of his Honour Mr. H. Johnston Gompertz, or until further notice:—Mr. Francis Arthur Hazledine to act as Puisne Judge.

Mr. John Hoekstra Wood to act as First Police Magistrate and Coroner.

Mr. Robert Edward Jones to act as Second Police Magistrate.

Mr. Walter Schofield to act as Second Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

Mr. Roland Arthur Charles North to act as Third Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

10 YEARS AGO

We are officially informed that H.E. Sir William Peel, the new Governor of Hongkong, is leaving London to-day by the P. and O. s.s. Khiva, and is due here on May 8.

To-day the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council will be asked to approve supplementary estimates amounting to \$200,000. The principal votes are explained below in a Message from the Government.

Miscellaneous Services—High Cost of Living Allowance, \$377,400. Provision made in Estimates, \$420,000. The scheme of percentage increase on existing salaries which was brought into force in 1938 did not contemplate a fall in the value of the dollar below 1s. 6d. The Secretary of State has approved the continuation of the exchange of 1s. 6d. as from January 1, 1939, pending the consideration of the report of the Commission by the Legislative Council. A vote is therefore requested for \$377,400 the estimated excess on this account for the year ending 1939.

In the event of the report of the Salaries Commission, the sum of \$377,400 now requested with the \$420,000 already voted in 1938 for the provision necessary for putting the new Salaries scheme into effect.

5 YEARS AGO

Sir John Simon, the Foreign Minister, who was Britain's chief delegate at the Berlin conference, revealed in the House of Commons for the first time to-day that Germany is demanding as a condition of security, a big army, and air force, and the return of lost colonies.

He stated that in the Berlin conference, Herr Hitler's proposals were laid before him. They included plans for an armament of security, a big army, and air force, and the return of lost colonies.

The Foreign Minister said that Germany must possess all types of arms, possessed by other countries. With certain reservations, Germany claimed a navy which would equal 35 per cent. of Great Britain's total tonnage, and aerial parity with Britain and France.

It is learned that Germany is building two pocket battleships of a tonnage and weight greater than that allowed under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, which Germany signed in 1919. Germany is also building a non-fighting high speed mystery ship, which looks like a yacht, to be used command a battle fleet and in re-arguing.

The speeding up of the British military aircraft programme in order to meet Germany's for supremacy was foreshadowed in the House of Commons to-day when Sir Philip Sassoon, Secretary for Air, declared:

"The rate of Germany's air development is causing the British Government grave concern. The situation needs careful and continuous watchfulness in order that any necessary alterations may be made in our programme." Sir Philip added that he believed the Royal Air Force will enjoy a margin of superiority over the German Air Force.

Hongkong's plans for celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee are now taking definite shape, and it is now announced that there will be a display of fireworks instead of one, as originally planned.

The Japanese Resident's Association of Hongkong have kindly intimated to the Silver Jubilee Committee that they would like to join in the celebration which are to take place in the Colony and that they propose to give a display of fireworks.

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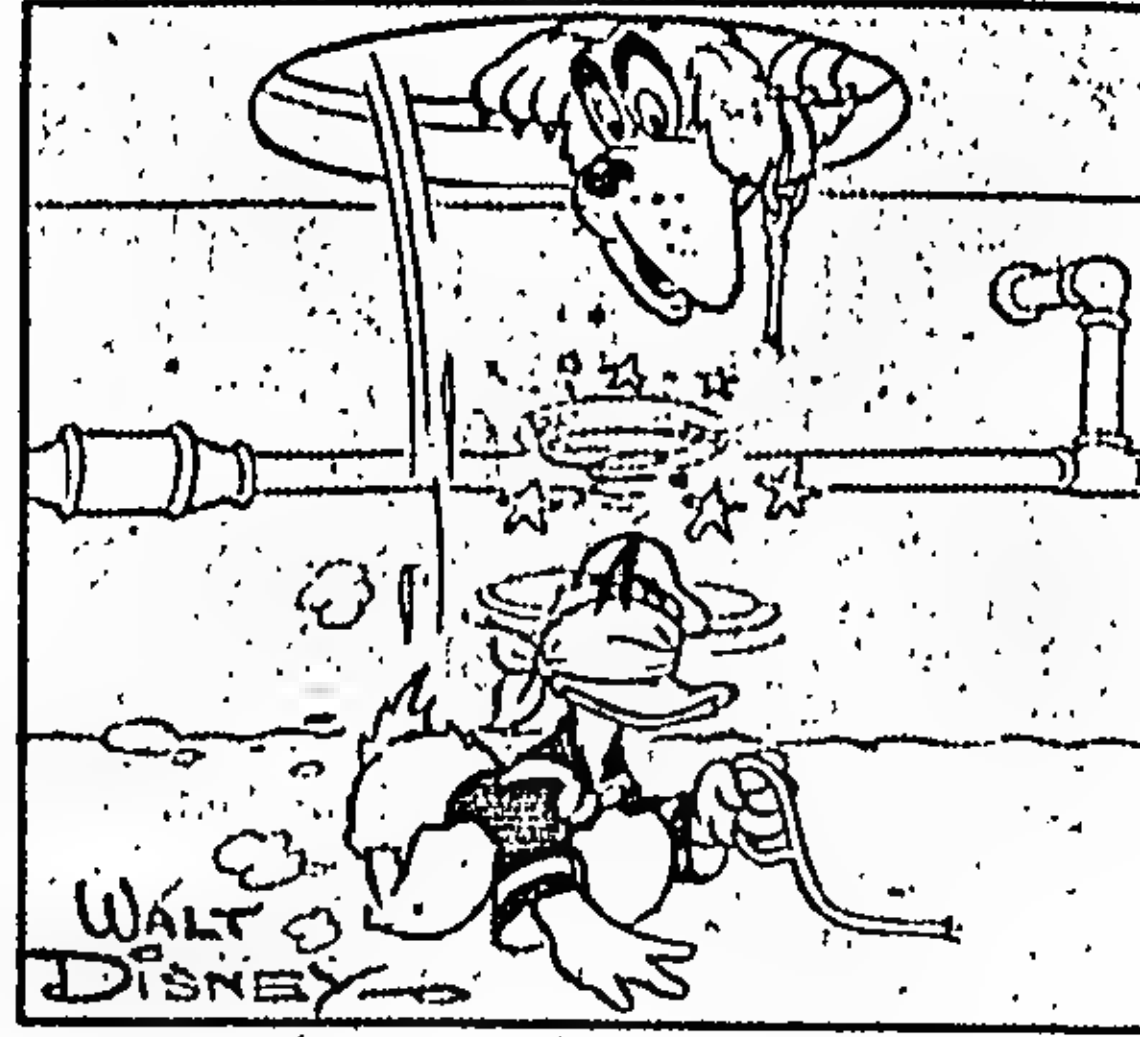
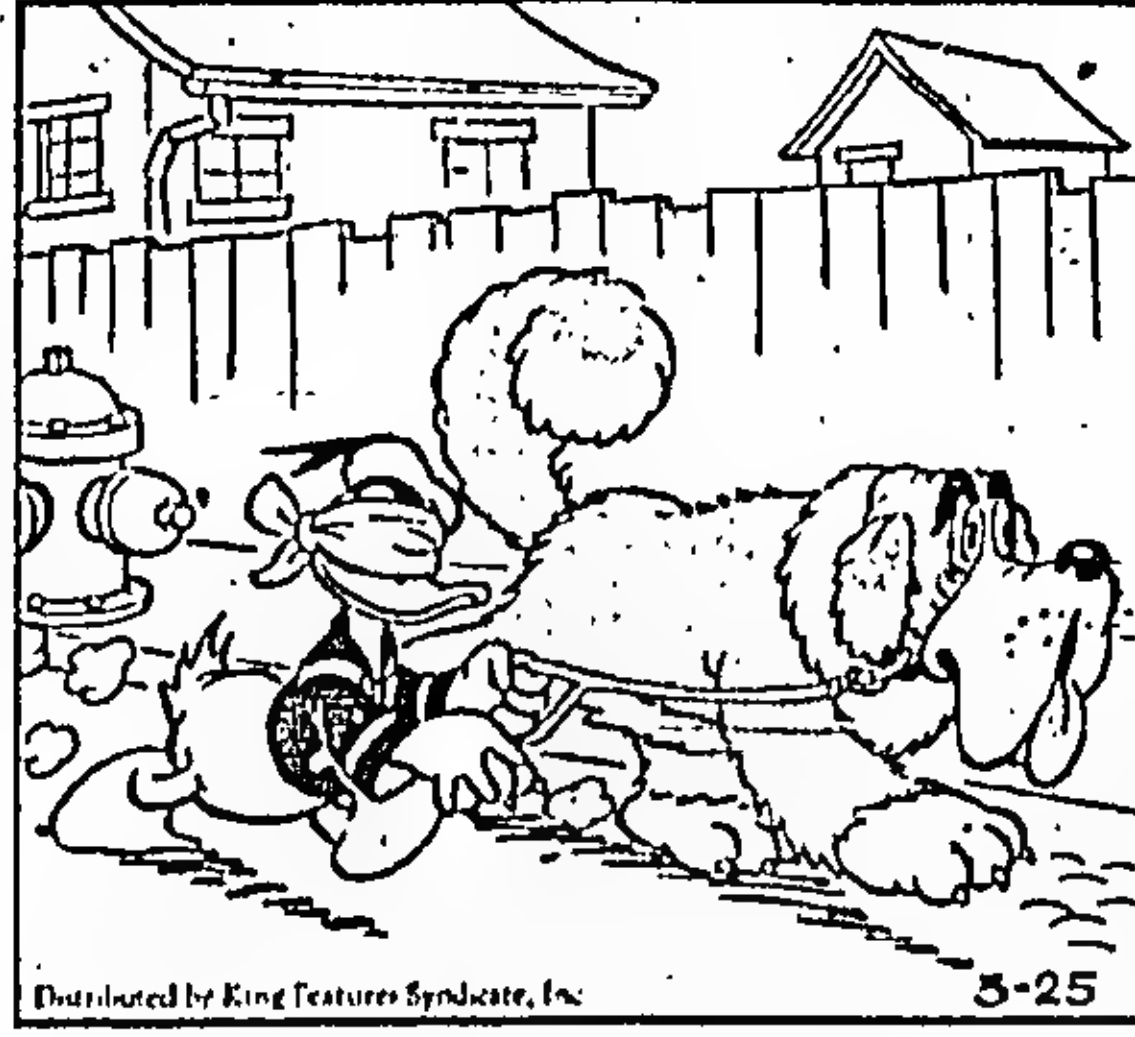
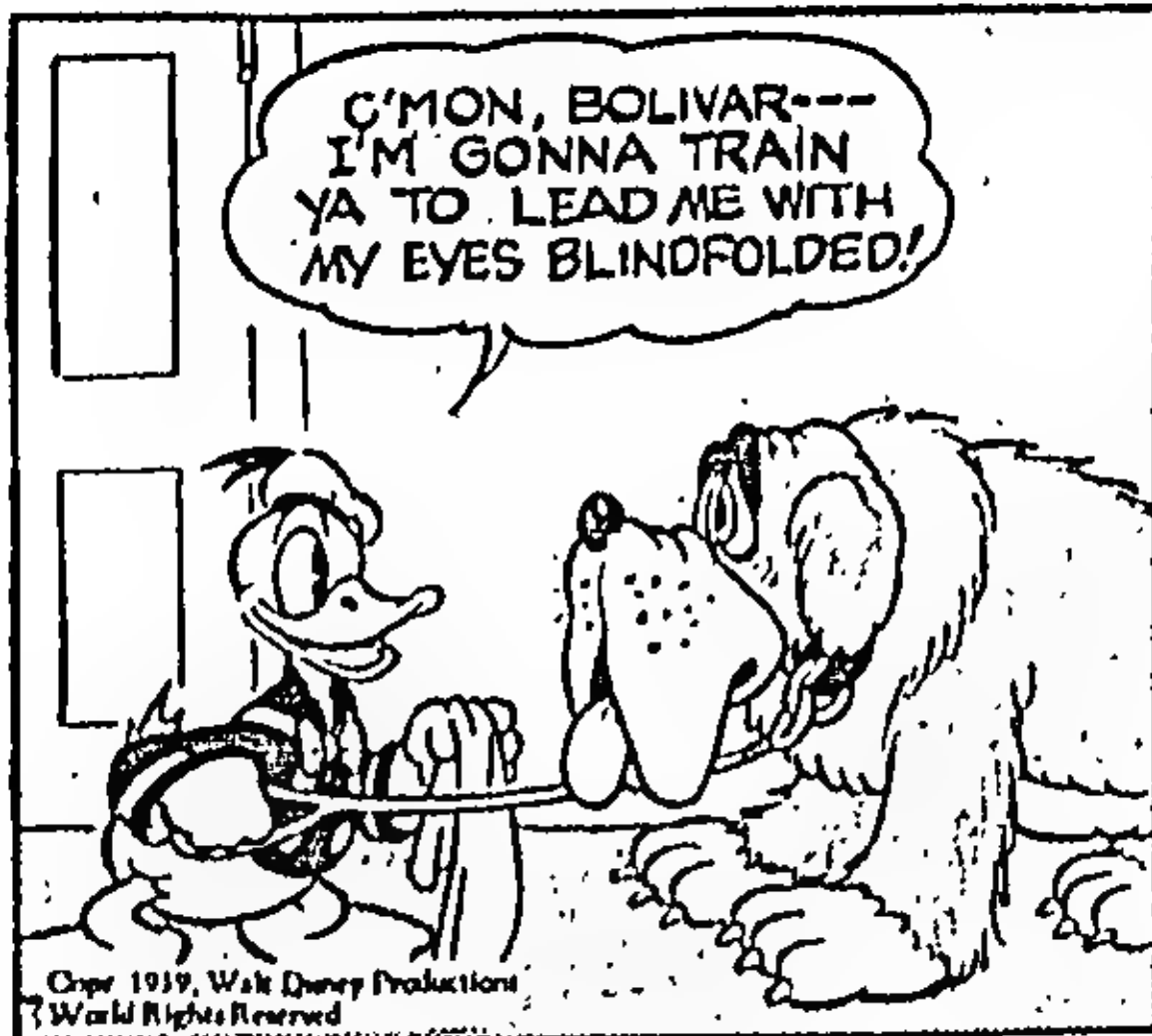
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Flock Of Rumours In Germany

BERLIN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The tightening of the Allied blockade and the policy of Germany refraining from action has presented a difficult problem for Nazi propagandists.

Neutral observers report a growing unrest in Germany at the lack of real war news. There is dissatisfaction at the controlled Nazi press which gives little news but only a lot of vague threats against Britain and the neutrals.

A flock of rumours has now taken the place of news. The way in which these rumours are getting about suggests to neutral journalists that they may be part of an officially inspired campaign.

Another morale boosting attempt has been the release of "A Euphon of Fire", a documentary film dealing with bombing attacks by the German Air Force in Poland.

Neutral journalists were invited to see the film though whether this was just a friendly invitation or a dark hint is not quite clear.

The opinion of the journalists about the film is well summarised by the Netherlands correspondent who says that the film shows the barbarity and madness of modern war and constitutes a bitter indictment against all responsible for the war now being waged by civilized nations in Europe.

Nazi Plane Over Shetlands

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—It is now learned that only one German plane was seen over the Shetlands mainland, apparently engaged on reconnaissance.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action, but no bombs were dropped.

Quiet Western Front

PARIS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that no important incident occurred on the front to-day.

There was activity of both air forces during the morning.

BRITISH PLAN TO DYNAMITE DANUBE

Amazing Sabotage Plot Is Alleged By German News Agency

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 8 (UP).—The German Foreign Office, according to the D.N.B. Agency, is in possession of documentary evidence of "a colossal sabotage plan by the British Secret Service."

The plan was to sabotage and divert the Danube River, one of the main German transport life-lines in the Balkans.

Under the plan, states D.N.B., British motor-boats and barges, manned by British naval and military officers, made an effort to sail up the Danube in order to dynamite the banks of the river at certain points, and to sink concrete-filled barges in the shipping channel.

The intention was to completely halt German trade with south-eastern Europe.

Alleged Plot Discovered

The plot was revealed when Rumanian authorities halted and searched the ships at Gulin.

It became known on April 5 that, in company with speedy British motor-boats, the tug-boats Britannia and Elizabeth, Danubian Shell I and King George, together with the British steamer Dyonisia, and 94 barges, were under way up the Danube," the D.N.B. report states.

As the result of an indiscretion among the British sailors, it became known that there were large quantities of revolvers, machine-guns, hand grenades, ship's cannon, water bombs and mines aboard the British ships.

Specialists Disguised As Crew

"Additionally, 100 English specialists, disguised as members of the crews of the British ships, were among the personnel. The craft carried five British naval officers, several R.A.F. officers, and dynamiting personnel.

"The expedition was led by the Chief of the English Secret Service in Rumania. He was disguised as a Vice-Consul.

"When the Rumanian authorities searched the ships at Gulin, they discovered more than 400 crates of high explosives.

"This cargo has been described in

the ships' manifests as "goods in transit" through Rumania.

Officially Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BUCHAREST, Apr. 8 (UP).—The D.N.B. story of the so-called British plot to sabotage the Danube has been circulating in Bucharest for several days.

However every official source denies its authenticity.

When asked to-day whether a quantity of high explosive has been seized on the Danube, a Rumanian official said: "A number of crates containing food, which had no Customs declaration, have been seized by the Rumanian authorities."

ALLIES BUY FROM U.S.

But Exports To Reich Fall Rapidly

NEW YORK, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—During the first six months of the war there was a big increase in United States exports to Britain and France and a big falling off in those to Germany.

Up to the end of February the total value of exports from the United States rose by one-third (£487,000,000). Of these the value of the total exports to Germany was £175,000 or £18,000,000 less than corresponding figure for 1938.

The exports to Britain totalled £70,000,000 and to France over £37,000,000.

The British figure represents an increase of 15 per cent. The purchases of aeroplanes by the Allies amounted almost to £23,000,000.

"DASTARDLY" PLOT!

Goebbels Discovers New Machinations

BERLIN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—In the papers here yesterday instead of the news of Allied mine-fields found in Norwegian waters being published they splashed on their front pages Dr. Goebbels' story about a dastardly British plot to blockade the Danube.

This is only one of the many signs showing that the Nazi Government realises what a blow this new measure will be. It will stop the iron ore shipments through Norway and figures now available show how valuable that traffic was.

For over six months of the year it is the only route for Scandinavian exports to Germany for the Baltic ports are frozen.

Before the war over one-third of Germany's imports came from countries from which she is now clearly cut off.

Of the real three-quarters came from Sweden and a small portion from Norway.

Of these Scandinavian supplies over 7,500,000 tons came from Narvik in Norway in 1939, the other Baltic ports only handled 5,000,000 tons.

Germany is already short of iron ore and the stoppage of important shipments through Narvik means a very serious deficiency in supplies.

Passage For Warships

Ships with other goods have been able to evade the Allied contraband control by coming through Norwegian territorial waters, which also provided a safe passage out for German warships and commerce raiders.

New minefields mean that at least at three points the ships will have to come out of Norwegian waters within the reach of the Royal Navy.

"Rape Of Neutrality"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Apr. 8 (UP).—Authorised Nazi quarters describe the mining of Norwegian waters as "the rape of neutrality."

The Nazis charge that Britain is prepared for "an act of war" on neutral soil.

The Reich is described as watching with "ice-cold composure" the latest developments in Scandinavia and the Balkans.

Village Near H.K. Bombed

Japanese Air Raid On Mirs Bay

A SMALL Chinese village which lies on the shore of Mirs Bay facing British waters was unexpectedly bombed in a Japanese air raid yesterday.

Only brief particulars are to hand and it is not known why the Japanese chose the village, Sha-U-Chung, for their attentions, unless it is because there is a ferry connection with Hongkong.

Wounded Brought To H.K.

As a result of the raid, two Chinese are now in Queen Mary Hospital with serious shrapnel wounds.

They are Chiu Hoi, 39, a resident of 503 Nathan Road, who was visiting Sha-U-Chung, and Ip Shing, 37, a resident of Satchuen, Chinese Territory.

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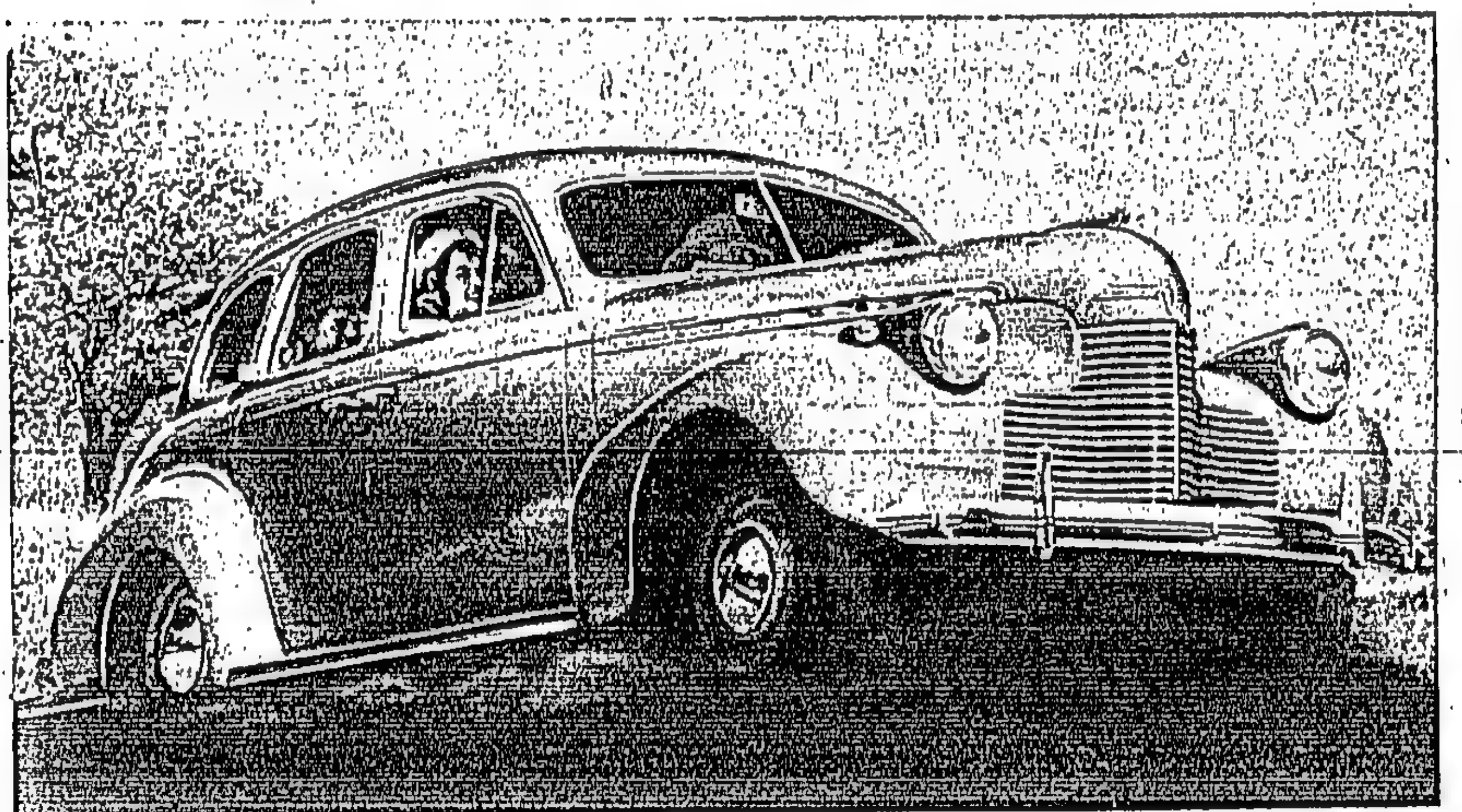
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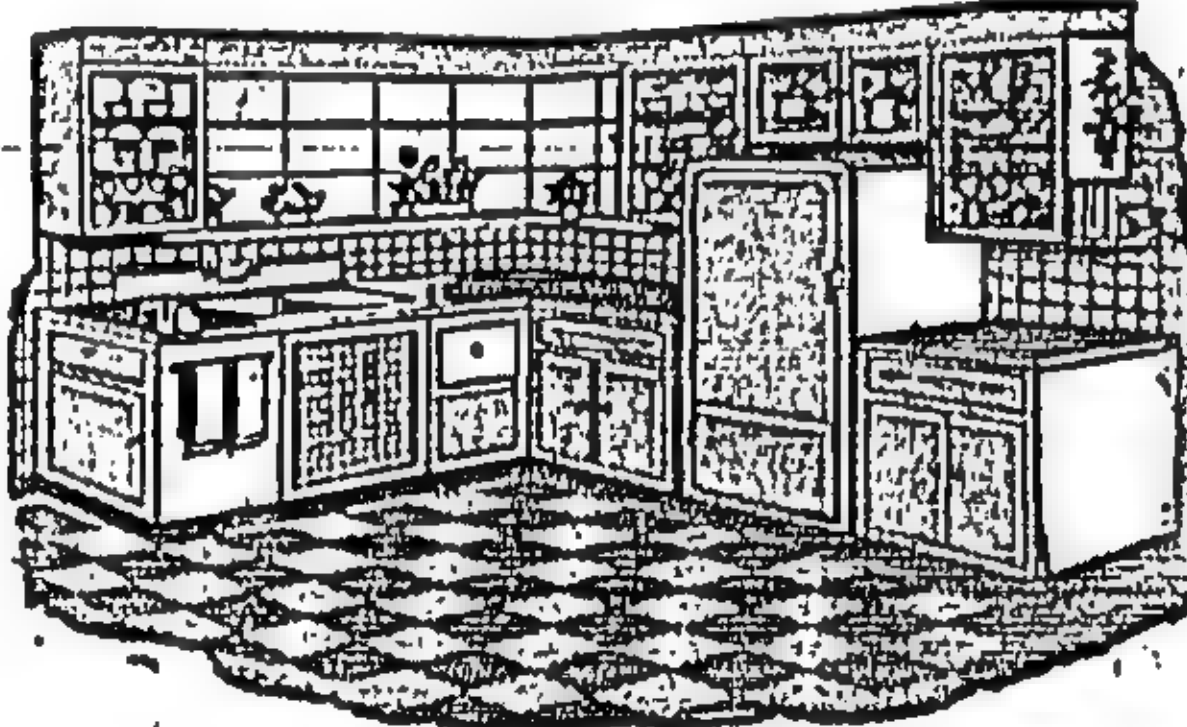


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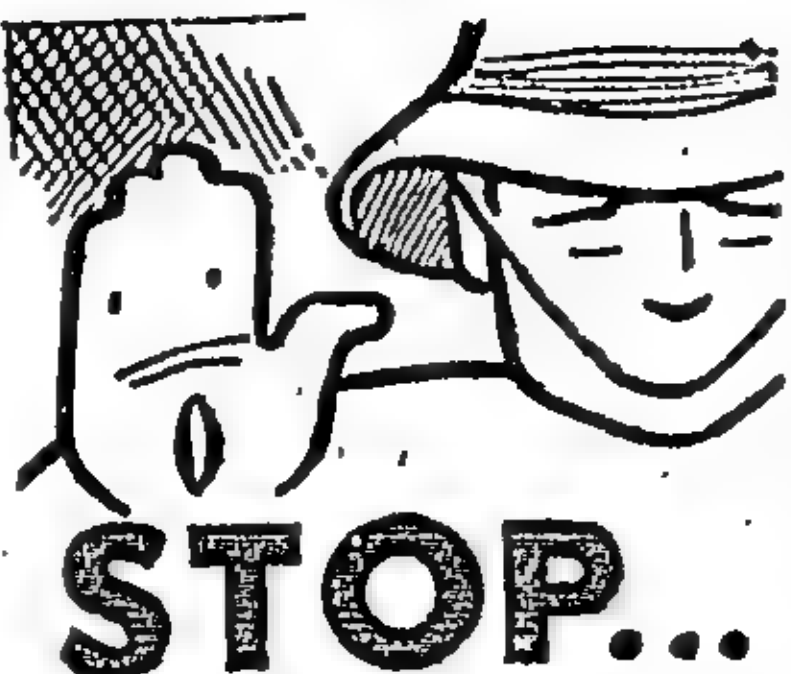
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forgotten, like snow-flakes fall-
ing on a flowing river.

The screen can be a pupil.
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to Town," "You Can't Take It



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TURKEY'S PART IN CHAMPIONING THE INTEGRITY OF THE BALKANS Two Fronts Open to the Threat of Aggression

THE Balkan Entente has un-
doubtedly been a factor for thus
reducing the labour avail-
ability for the fields, with a conse-
quence for any Russian move towards
the East. But, as recently Syria and
Palestine arouse much
animosities and all causes of But, as a prominent Turk said
foreshadowed, what they most interest
and there is much
disagreement which previously to me, we now live in a world
anticipate is a concentration
satisfaction at the large force
that is being assembled.
No longer does the word
deductions based on normal
reasoning.
Despite the defence works
much talk about German or
Russian or even Germano-
Soviet aggression. Bulgarian
territorial demands, however,
are the main obstacle. Bulgaria



Turkey, in relation to Russia and the Balkan States.

Caucasus or Central Asia is re-
garded by many authorities as
out of the question. Russia
would have great difficulty in
carrying on a campaign so far
from her bases as Afghanistan
or Iran, even if in either country
the revolution broke out which
Russian and German agents are
so actively trying to promote,
and even if the Finnish cam-
paign permitted it.

An incursion by Russia into
Central Asia would, it is ad-
mitted, mean Turkey's abandon-
ment of the neutrality which her
traditional policy of friendship
with Moscow has dictated.

IS IT GERMAN BLUFF?

A Russian move into Iran is
a menace to Turkey; it may be
only indirect, but it is a menace
Turkey cannot afford to ignore.
It may be recalled that one of
the Russo-Turkish wars was due
to Russia's invasion of Iran.

Were the Straits then opened
to the Allied Fleets, Russia,
whose Black Sea fleet is negli-
gible, knows well that that means
the loss of Batum by bombard-
ment from the sea as well as
attack by land by the Turks,
who would, in addition, harass

sive in the Caucasus, and the
rumours of German troops
movements have been so persis-
tent, that feeling is growing
that all this may well be a part
of the "war of nerves" which
Germany has been waging since
September, 1938.

If, it is said, Germany really
intended to invade the Balkans
she would surely not put the
Allies on the qui vive so obvious-
ly as this. The opinion is that
this persistent chatter of what
Germany and Russia may do in
South-Eastern Europe may be
inspired with the idea of in-
veigling the Allies into sending
heavy reinforcements there
when all the time the Nazis'
spring objective may be Holland,
Denmark, Belgium, or Switzer-
land. It is remarked that (Lon-
don and Paris seem to share this
view since, according to the
latest declarations, a large force
is being held in England in anti-
cipation of a German push to
the sea.

TO MEET ALL DANGERS

Meanwhile Turkey is concert-
ing measures to meet all even-
tualities. She is keeping a
careful watch on the Caucasus

and the demands the return of the
Dobrudja, which Rumania re-
ceived under the Neuilly Treaty
and declines to cede because she
would then have to admit Rus-
sia's claim to Bessarabia and
Hungary's Transylvania. To
allow these claims would leave
her relatively where she was in
1914. Bulgaria also demands
from Greece the return of Do-
decanese, with access to the
Aegean Sea. Her claim is far
from strong in this case, since
she never possessed the area for
long and there is practically no
Bulgarian population.

For some time Turkey has
been concentrating on a rap-
prochement between Rumania
and Bulgaria. She can plead
with Rumania from her own
bitter experience that it is
wiser to give way peacefully
than under war pressure. Tur-
key remembers that she refused
to cede Crete to Greece and then,
as a result of the Balkan War,
lost not only Crete but also a
large slice of her European
territory.

It has been suggested that if
Rumania would cede the lesser
PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

What They Say about us

LONDON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 9 (UP).—
"The Lion Awakes." This is the heading given to today's Editorial in the "Evening News," in commenting on the Allied decision to mine Norwegian waters.
"The free nations of the world will see the British Lion awakened at last, and awakened with a welcome roar," the paper states.
"They will see the Allies no longer ready to stand idly on the side while the Nazis browbeat weaker neutrals into aiding and abetting Hitler's defiance of all International Law and human decency."
"We may sympathize with the Norwegians. But they have not the power to withstand or resist the German pirates."
"They even have to assist in the piracy."

STOCKHOLM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 8 (UP).—
"Scandinavia is closer to-day than ever to being drawn into the Great War," said the "Nya Dagblätt Allehanda," organ of the Swedish Conservative Party, in an editorial under the headline "War Threat Over Scandinavia."
"This violation of neutrality must be met. A mere protest is insufficient. Norway must reach a decision as soon as possible," the paper states.
"It must be assumed that Germany will not wait to adopt counter measures."
"The 'Aften Bladet,' organ of the Peoples Party, says: 'This is a serious violation of Norwegian neutrality.'"
It expresses the opinion that Germany may retaliate by mining the west coast of Sweden in an attempt to halt all Swedish trade with Britain.

OSLO

OSLO, Apr. 8 (UP).—The "Stoffars Tidende" says: "Protests are no longer useful. We must act on the basic situation."

COPENHAGEN

COPENHAGEN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—
"You can hardly believe that such a blow to the independence of small nations could come from a country that has always waved the right of independence on the German standard," writes the "Ekstra-bladet."

ROME

ROME, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The evening papers declare that the Allied action of mine-laying in Norwegian waters is a breach of Norwegian neutrality.
Thus the "Tribuna" commenting briefly, says: "The British, who protested against Germany's mine warfare, describing it as 'barbarous' have today adopted the same arm against a neutral country."

NEW YORK

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—An editorial on neutrality appeared in the New York "Herald Tribune" today.
The editorial says that if the Allied pressure should ever become severe to a point of forcing the Scandinavians out of their neutral position it will be worth bearing the following two points in mind:
1.—The whole law of neutrality presupposes a limited and restricted war but in a very real sense this is not a limited war. Not only is it being fought on an economic front throughout the world but every nation in Europe knows that it is going to be intimately affected by the outcome.
2.—Only the defeat of Germany holds out any hope of ever re-establishing any effective rule of International Law at all. If in encompassing that defeat the Allies strain the laws which the Nazis have so freely broken it will be unfortunate, but no defender of the ideal of International Law can safely raise his voice against the Allies in doing so unless he is quite certain that they can win without it.
A leading article in a Bergen paper the "Morgenavisen," under the heading of "Worse and Worse," says it appears that the German behaviour to neutral ships is getting worse and much points to it being a mere chance as to who is bombed or not.
"Again and again we have protested against such encroachments," continues the article, "but it seems only to get worse and at the same time it is demanded that our attitude to Germany shall remain just as friendly. But the Norwegian Government ought to let the German Government understand that we may be forced to revise the whole of our standpoint to Germany, including commerce and passage, if some arrangement is not arrived at which will improve conditions."

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The release of the news of the laying of mines in Norwegian territorial waters had to be determined by the carrying out of the operation itself. It came too late for yesterday's morning papers so both the London and Scandinavian public learned it at various times during the morning. The London evening papers warmly welcomed the action.
The "Evening Standard" recalled

WANG IN PEIPING Sudden Visit Takes City By Surprise

PEIPING, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Wang Ching-wei arrived here on a sudden visit shortly after noon by plane.
Evidently his arrival took all but a few in the know completely by surprise. He is remaining a few days.
He stated in an interview with Chinese, Japanese and foreign journalists this afternoon that he had come to North China to investigate the situation here and meet responsible authorities, the Japanese military Commander-in-Chief and others.
Same Old Formula
Wang Ching-wei stressed the importance of anti-Communism in the policy of the new government, and expressed confidence that the North China regime would co-operate with the Nanking Government.
"China and Japan have the same goal. Surely we can join hand in hand and work for the welfare of both," he said.
Local and foreign circles are completely puzzled as to the reasons for Wang's visit at present, particularly its suddenness and secrecy.

Woman Driver Fined Motoring Offences By Europeans

Mrs. E. Kella, of Mody House, was fined \$8 by Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for speeding through the Controlled Area in Nathan Road, at a speed of 28 miles per hour on March 15, at 12.35 p.m. Her representative pleaded guilty.
Traffic Sgt. Brown said Mrs. Kella overtook a car while turning from Browning Road into Nathan Road, and entering the Controlled Area at 30 miles per hour.
Sounded Horn in Silent Zone
V. Chirikoff, of Dairy Farm, Police, was summoned before Mr. Macfadyen this morning for sounding the horn of a car on March 11 a.m. in a Silent Area in Nathan Road, south of Jordan Road.
Sgt. H. B. Dewar said Chirikoff sounded the horn of a stationary car six or seven times, apparently to attract someone's attention.
In cautioning Chirikoff, Mr. Macfadyen told him that he must be considerate, because residents there might be disturbed.

GREEK STEAMER IS SUNK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 9 (UP).—The 4,832 ton Greek steamer Okeania was sunk to-day, apparently by a mine.
The Chief Engineer is missing, and the rest of the crew were rescued and have been landed at an English port.

the torpedoing, on Saturday of the Norwegian ship Navarra by a U-boat which sank her without warning although it stood by for some time but offered no help.
Something must be done and done quickly said the Secretary of the Norwegian Seamen's Union in a strongly worded statement.
Something has been done comments the "Evening Standard."

The Allied declaration in connection with the measure is the most significant pronouncement of the war.
Norway will protest but the people of Norway can see clearly who is their enemy and who their friend.
"The world will agree that the action of the Allies is more in accordance with those ideals and principles which the laws of neutrality were made to defend than anything which the Germans have done," is the plain and commonsense comment of the "Star".
The decision of the Allies to show their teeth was heartily welcomed by this morning's British press (which was still unaware of the greater news to come of the sowing of mine-fields).
Most of the press comment was devoted to Allied determination to lighten the blockade net round Germany.

Without exception the British press emphasises the desire to respect neutral rights within the full limits of reason but in plain language the neutrals are asked to consider the alternative to an Allied victory.
The papers suggest that the answer was given on Saturday in the murder of Norwegian officers and seamen when Navarra was sunk without warning by a Nazi submarine.
Outspoken Comment
Perhaps the most outspoken comment was that which appeared in the "Yorkshire Post".
"We fully understand the Norwegian and Swedish fears of German aggression," says the paper. "We are determined not to use Nazi methods against them. But we are entitled on our side for an understanding of our position."
The paper recalls that on Saturday the Norwegian Foreign Minister said that Norway would defend her territorial waters against anyone who violated them.
If Norway could and would fulfil that pledge, comments the "Yorkshire Post," we might reasonably be content. We do not want to interfere with the neutrality of others. All we ask is that neutrality should be genuine. To observe that strict letter of the law while the enemy tears it to tatters to his own advantage is to make the law fulfil a wrong purpose. The laws are made to curb a gangster and not to protect or reward him.

Shanghai Commentator Driven Off Air ELECTION CAMPAIGN BECOMES BITTER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Shanghai Municipal Council election campaign is becoming bitter as the Japanese authorities to-day took arbitrary action in confiscating copies of the Glebe Post, the German-Jewish morning newspaper published in Shanghai.
The paper carried an editorial urging all refugees to support the British and American candidates.

The Japanese authorities seized all copies of the paper in Hongkew, and the editor and publishers of the Glebe Post have protested to the Municipal Police regarding the affair.

XMHA Interference
In the meantime the American Consulate has attached political protection to the American radio station XMHA, over which Carroll D. Alcott, prominent news commentator, broadcasts daily.

A consular official to-day called on the Japanese Consul-General and made oral representations concerning alleged Japanese interference with the station's wave-length.
The Japanese Consul-General replied that the matter would be investigated, and it is reported that details of the affair have already been cabled to Washington.

Carroll Alcott uses the station for broadcasting his news commentaries, and he alleges that the interference is a deliberate attempt to drive him off the air while he is waging a campaign for the election of the British and American candidates in the municipal elections.
He has been urging ratepayers not to vote for the Japanese.

Important Vote
The importance of the vote to be cast by newly arrived German and Austrian Jews is emphasised here by the report that the Japanese are wooing the Jewish vote to enable them to place five Japanese on the Council, and thereby obtain a majority of the seats, virtually giving them control of the city's administration.

It was reported that the Japanese have offered assistance and passports to relatives of Jews now in Shanghai in return for their votes.
Informed circles said the Japanese, Italian and Spanish combined voting power roughly totals the combined British, American, French, Portuguese and Dutch vote.
The balance of power, therefore, would rest with the Jewish emigres.

German Split
Paradoxically, the Japanese were also soliciting both Jewish and Nazi votes. It has been reported the German consulate has officially advised German residents to vote for the Japanese candidates, while the German chamber of commerce has privately told businessmen not to support the Japanese.

It was expected the White Russian votes would be split evenly between the Japanese and the third-power candidates.
A Japanese embassy spokesman, commenting on the five Japanese candidates for the municipal council, said the Japanese desired to break the dictatorship of "a certain national group."

He expressed surprise at the British attitude toward the council which he said "constitutes an idea of the economic federal system which should not exist among a group priding itself on its democracy."

Claim Old Order Dead
He asserted that "the old order in Shanghai is dead due to changed conditions since the British founded the concession, and then pointed out 'glaring defects' of the council's administration which necessitated reorganization of the council."
The spokesman declared that the Japanese naturally wish additional seats on the council due to their present numerical superiority. He said the Japanese did not, however, wish to repeat the dictatorship "at present existing."

He expressed belief that minority national groups should be given seats later on, and then asserted that the present trend "is to recognize the individual regardless of his property."
He was challenging the British statement of their right to control the council because of the fact they control more business than any other group in Shanghai.

Fleet of Cars
It is hoped to keep some sort of a check on American polling. Those not voting to-morrow will be communicated with and asked to vote on Thursday.
A fleet of cars is being organised to take to the polls those British and American voters not possessing their own means of transportation.
Leaders of the British and American communities are confident that there will be almost 100 per cent turnout of their nationals.

The Japanese Election Committee are also winking up their campaign. Japanese will be allowed to have coaches at the polling stations to instruct Japanese voters. Free transportation facilities will also be provided for Japanese voters.

The election battle has thrown up many reports that "persuasion" was exercised on the voters. It is reported that squads of Japanese in plain clothes "invaded" Hongkew news-stands yesterday and seized all copies of the German refugee paper, "Glebe Post."

Newspapers Seized
It is stated that an order for confiscation was apparently issued after the refugees "daily" had indicated in recent editions that the emigres should help the Occidentals to preserve the "status quo" on the S. M. C.
Mr. A. J. Storfer, Editor and Publisher of the "Glebe Post," has lodged a written protest with the Commissioner of Police.
It is also reported that pamphlets

DARING ATTACK ON DORNIER

British Pilot's Skill Described

LONDON, Apr. 8 (British Wireless).—Further details of a recent engagement over the North Sea between an aircraft of the R.A.F. Coastal Command and a German flying boat are now available.
Both machines were within 20 feet of the water throughout the fight. The British aircraft, a Hudson, was on patrol when the pilot saw a grey Dornier at sea level. The British pilot attacked from the beam and opened the fight with three short bursts from his front gun.

Broadside Action
The Dornier turned steeply to port but the Hudson swung to starboard to bring his rear gun into action.
Two bursts were fired as the enemy came into sight. The German rear gunner replied with tracer bullets, but his shots went wide. The Hudson attacked again and the German's rear gun was silenced.

Nazi Guns Silent
The British pilot made five more attacks from the tail and there was still no reply from the German guns. The Hudson climbed and came down from 2,000 feet upon the Dornier, flying 500 feet above the sea. Three bursts from the Hudson's front gun entered the Dornier's fuselage while the German rear gunner replied.
The Hudson pulled steeply to port out of its dive and circled to allow its rear gunner to fire several bursts which also got home in the enemy's fuselage.

The Last Dive
Then the British pilot dived once again upon the Dornier, scoring more hits with his front and rear guns. But the Hudson was returning from a long patrol, and the petrol began to run short. With a final burst from his gun, the pilot broke off the combat and returned to his base with only enough petrol in his tank for two minutes of flying time.

Small Wage Earners Own The Cars

Interesting Statistics From America

Interesting facts are contained in an article issued by the B. F. Goodrich Co., large rubber company at Akron, Ohio, U.S.A. from information compiled by the Chamber of Commerce, showing that by far the greater number of motor cars being driven in the U.S.A. are in the medium low wage classes.

These figures show that workers earning between \$20 and \$30 weekly are the most numerous owners of automobiles. The next largest group included those earning even less than the above, or from \$10 to \$20 per week. In the relatively small bracket of workers having incomes above \$100 a week, only 4.3% of total car owners of America are included.

The table of distribution of cars and incomes is shown in the following figures:

Income	% of Total	Number of Cars
\$10 or less	7.5%	1,672,000
\$10 to \$20	20.9%	4,530,000
\$20 to \$30	24.0%	5,250,000
\$30 to \$40	17.7%	3,840,000
\$40 to \$50	17.5%	3,801,000
\$50 to \$100	3.1%	1,068,000
Over \$100	1.3%	635,000

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ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS

The Chinese Philharmonic recently resumed weekly rehearsals under the direction of Professor Ettore Poggiani, L.I.M.F., L.T.C.I., and it is their intention to arrange a short series of Charity Concerts (Classical & Variety) sometime in May.
The proceeds from these Concerts will be in aid of local charities and also for the relief of distress in the war-stricken zones of China.
This Orchestra is an enthusiastic body of amateur instrumentalists who has been meeting regularly for several years in the past, and had on many previous occasions presented quite a number of musical programmes for relief work. The Orchestra comprises over 20 members and will offer in the coming Concerts a programme of well-known overtures, classical compositions, and light works by modern composers.

"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

THE SEASON DRAWS TO AN END

Civil Service-Craigengower Mix-up: Champions Defeated By Club.

SINCE IT IS SO LATE in the season, it is most unfortunate that there was a misunderstanding on the part of the C.S.C.C. about their game with Craigengower which would have left them with only their Army game unplayed. They have, of course, been very unfortunate in the weather, but the fact remains that the organisation has rather broken down, chiefly owing to the great amount of Volunteer work that their captain has had to put in.

On paper if they can turn out everyone they want they have as good a side as anyone in the League. Yet they are bracketed at the bottom of the League table with University with one miserable point!

True they have two games to play but even if they played them and won them both they could only draw level with Craigengower who are fifth. I am beginning to think that this lack of organisation may have something to do with the fact that several of their leading players seem to be able to make runs—or take wickets—on all occasions when they are not playing for the C.S.C.C. It is to be hoped that things can be rectified next season when war routine has shaken down more.

Recreio Win

RECREIO were without Zinho and Gerry Gosano, and also altered their batting order, and promptly got shot out for 99 by the University. Mahmood did very well to take 5 wickets for 52. L. G. Gosano (31) and H. A. Barros (30) made more than half Recreio's total.

However, as has so often happened before, the Recreio's bowlers pulled them through, for only Matthews (27) and N. Singh (13) could get into double figures, while Ozorio (3/20), E. L. Gosano (3/27) and L. G. Gosano (3/7) put the side out for 65.

This brings Recreio up to second place, but if the Army manage to bring off their game with the C.S.C.C. and win they can claim to be runners up.

Champions Lose

THE K.C.C. had rather a weak team out against the Club. Teddy Fincher is still on the (cricket) injured list, and Mackay and Robert Lee were also away. The Club had a fair side out and it was considerably strengthened by the presence of Fay, whose bowling figures of 10-6-18-5 were remarkably good.

The Club batted and Owen Hughes was taken off his first ball—a long hop. However, John and Alec Pearce put on about 50, and after the former had gone for 51 runs Haynes came in to play a very nice clean innings of 54 not out.

The statisticians tell me that Alec Pearce, who got out having a bang when he had made 57, still requires four runs for his thousand, but of this I will write later. The Club declared at 174 for five wickets.

A POOR SHOW

Hung and Rapley soon fell to Fay and apart from Archie Zimmerman (33), E. F. Fincher (22) and F. J. Lay (17) no one made any show. Apart from

Fay, of whose bowling I have already spoken, Owen Hughes collected 3 wickets for 23 runs.

Junior Division

THE I.R.C. had little difficulty in beating the Civil Service by five wickets and by their victory go to the top of the table.

They are, however, only a point ahead of Recreio, and have only one more match to play, whereas the King's Park side have two.

K. M. Rijnhuizen made 51 not out of the 99 runs they scored for 5 wickets while M. R. Abbit took 6 wickets for 20 runs. F. E. Lawrence made 36 for the Civil Service.

Sunday Cricket

THE K.C.C. lent their ground on Sunday last for a match between the Volunteer Officers and an Army team captained by M. Weedon.

The Army batted first and sadly missed Grose, who was not playing. Young (30), Holmes (22) and Hatfield 22 were the principal scorers in the rather poor score of 125. For the Club Anderson made 55, Alec Pearce just made his four necessary runs before Anderson ran him out!

1000 RUNS

IT IS PERHAPS not very frequently that 1,000 runs are made in a season. I confess I cannot speak with any certainty about pre-war cricket, in the early days of Dick and Harry Hancock, the Dixons and Tam Pearce.

The first thousand I can recall was made by Sonny Wood in the days when the C.S. used to win the Shield! Never a really good bat he had that one amazing season. Bill Bruce did it at least once and I dare say there are several more. This year Anderson and Alec Pearce have done it, but I have an idea that the former has played more innings.

HIS OLD FORM

THE VOLUNTEERS only made 142, and it was pleasant to see Hatfield show a flash of his old form. He had no wickets for 21 and then proceeded to take 6 for 35—including a hat-trick. The game was, I learn a most enjoyable one.

Junior Game

I HAVE seen statements that the Police—R.A.F. game on Sunday last was not a League Game, and also that it was! At the time of writing I have not been able to check up on it.

The Police won comfortably and

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soccer Ticket "Racket"

Sir—I endorse absolutely the statement made by Y. K. Chan regarding the defence put up by your Correspondent "Rex" re the racket in tickets. Furthermore, in the same article by "Rex", I charge that your correspondent is either biased or a camp follower of the Eastern Club. In stating that South China usually import players from the outside to augment their versatility is correct to a certain extent. Who can blame a Club for gathering talent?

Now if "Rex" will only look at the line up of the Eastern team, how many imported players can he name? I can at least off-hand name five or six, all of whom were specially imported from Shanghai. Take Hau King-sing, Lau Chi-kuen, Chung Kain-hoi, Chan Ying-kuen, Chung Yung-sam. Can you refute my assertion that these players are not imported?

It is well that your Correspondent stick to the side of writing about a game without any bias, and always to give credit where credit is due. In all, if not most of his write-ups of games played between Eastern and other Clubs, it has always been Eastern on top, and to all intents and purposes, and from reading between his lines, Eastern must be his "PET" subject. "REX" had better stick to the art of writing than to the team. Let your pen lead the way and not your sentiments. FAIR PLAY.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The following were the results of football matches played in the Home Regional Leagues:

SOUTH "C"			
Millwall	3	Portsmouth	4
West Ham	2	Arsenal	4
Scottish			
WESTERN			
Aldrie	1	Hamilton	1
EASTERN			
Dundee	2	Dunfermline	2
King's Park	2	Dundee U.	1

this may put them level with K.C.C. if it was a league game. But Recreio still have a match in hand.

Rest Of League

I HEAR, on good authority, that it is proposed to play the K.C.C.—Rest of the League on Saturday next. I have not yet seen the side picked for the Rest, but I was very sorry to hear Grose could not play.

Referring to a point which cropped up in talk, it is my recollection that the League authorities have always chosen a team, and have not in the past asked Club secretaries to submit suggestions as to the players who were considered by them as candidates for their particular Clubs. On the whole I think it is as good a plan as any.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 20th April, 1940 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 11th April, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

T.A. PEARCE AND FAY BEAT KWOK AND LIANG

Tsui Yun-pui Enters Singles Quarter-finals

ONLY TWO MATCHES were played in the Colony Tennis Tournament at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday. In the Doubles, T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay beat F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, and in the Singles, Tsui Yun-pui entered the quarter-finals, beating R. G. Beisel, jr., in straight sets—6-2, 6-0.

Tsui had little to worry him, and displayed his usual excellent control with both forehand and backhand. His drives which found the far corners were particularly delightful. Beisel had only a fairly strong backhand to his credit—his forehand, volleying and overhead being generally weak.

The doubles match was more even. Following the first set, which was won by Kwok and Liang, it was anybody's game. Fay's freedom of strokes and hand-lifting, combined with Pearce's good overhead work saw them often at the net where they found points easy to get.

The Chinese pair, to a certain extent, cracked in the second set, and in the final set were completely outplayed.

To-day's Programme

OPEN SINGLES

Leung Ping-chiu v. Tsui Wai-pui.

GOLF

WOMEN'S COMPETITION REALISES \$171 FOR B.W.O.F.

THE ECLECTIC COMPETITION of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, in aid of the British War Organisation Fund, realised \$171.60, which represented 572 cards taken out at 30 cents per card.

The prize which was kindly given by Lady Northcote, was won by Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie, her score reading 64-10½=74½. This score was closely followed by Mrs. Blair with 71-17½=88½. Mrs. Collis with a card of 91-20=71 qualified for the Captain's Cup.

MEDAL COMPETITIONS

The Club Medal competitions were held on "Monday" and resulted in a win for Mrs. W. N. A. Smalley in the Silver Division with a score of 97-17=80, and for Mrs. Blair in the Bronze Division with a card of 101-28=73.

The Glover Cup entry list will remain open until the end of April, because owing to alterations in hand at Happy Valley, the first round cannot be played before May.

A Scotland versus the Rest match

Volunteers Participate In H.K.R.A. Meeting At Stonecutters

OVER SIXTY MEMBERS of the Hongkong Rifle Association attended last Saturday's spoon and practice shoot at Stonecutters' Ranges.

There were quite a number of Volunteers, mostly from the Portuguese Company, in the Open Sights section which was topped by Mne. S. Croft, of the Naval Range Staff, with 89. Mr. A. L. Warburton, of the Dockyard Rifle Club topped the Aperture Sights section with 95 and secured the nett spoon.

There will be a spoon and practice shoot and revolver shoot at Kowloon City Range to-morrow, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

Leading scores on Saturday were:

Aperture Sights

H'cap.	200	250	300	350	Ttl.
Mr. A. L. Warburton	2	33	32	30	97
Sgt. G. E. Breen	1	32	32	30	94
Mr. W. Trenchard Ser.	29	33	31	31	93
R/Lt. G. J. P. Carey Ser.	31	31	30	30	92
Mr. J. A. G. G. Ser.	29	31	30	30	90
Mr. J. K. G. Ser.	31	34	27	22	94
Mr. H. J. S. Blake Ser.	30	31	30	30	91
Mr. H. G. Freeman	2	32	33	28	95
Mr. C. A. Hyett	2	32	30	28	92
Mr. F. R. L. Carey Ser.	32	30	28	28	98
Mr. E. V. Mitchell	1	30	32	28	90

Open Sights

Mne. S. Croft Ser.	30	33	30	30	93
Mr. W. N. A. Smalley	29	33	30	30	92
Mr. H. R. Jones	2	27	31	28	88
Cpl. W. M. Hammond	2	28	28	28	84
Pte. J. D. Hernandez	2	28	28	28	84
Cpl. F. Cole	2	28	28	28	84
Pte. V. A. Da Cruz-Sequeira	2	27	30	28	83
Mr. R. J. Hip	2	27	28	28	83
Mr. A. M. D. Ser.	2	27	28	28	83
Pte. G. A. Ribeiro	2	27	28	28	83
Mr. J. A. Fletcher	2	27	28	28	83
Mr. H. A. Evans	2	27	28	28	83
Capt. W. P. Benquet	2	27	28	28	83
Mr. G. H. R. Fox	2	27	28	28	83

Handicaps For Macao Race Meeting

The following are the Handicaps for the Macao Race Meeting on April 14—

CHUNG SHAN STAKES

Country Flower (150), Courcur Bleu (154), Fairy Auk (154), Fairy Cusel (152), Gold Clause (154), Hornmanny (156), Meadow Eve (150), Wood Nymph (150).

JOCKEY CUP

Calmare (152), Dick Turpin (150), Purnelo (150), Quick Despatch (150), Tarzan (150), Zodiac (140).

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Copper Idol (168), Gallant Marshal (153), Heddon (150), Lucky Eleven (148), Popular Star (160), Sunshine Susie (155), The Tigress (168), Wild Bear (159).

HIN WANG CUP

Bogey (140), Dokko (147), Double Chance (161), Fei Ying (152), Gold Coin (151), Jack O'Lantern (145), Night View (151), Plain View (151), Talkative (151), Tim (161).

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Dow-Jones (161), King's Envoy (165), Mac's Adventure (157), National Anthem (165), National Dignity (149), New Bedford (150), Old Fashioned (147), Persian Cat (167), Sports Venture (159).

SHEKKI HANDICAP

Cloudy Star (156), Double Up (149), Eagle (165), Iron Knight (158), Labour Day (155), Merry Maker (140), Rothery Bay (140), Shanghai 4 (140), Sports Gesture (161), The Spirit of St. Louis (155).

In connection with the Jockey Cup, a special \$1 Sweep limited to 50,000 chances is being run—the cost of one through chance is \$10, the tickets for which can be obtained at the Cash Sweep Department, No. 17, Cannaught Road, Central, Top Floor. Up to the present over half of the tickets have been sold.

will be played at Fanling on Tuesday, April 23. Entries are invited from both silver and bronze divisions.

F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

TICKET FORGERIES CONSIDERED

Selling Outside Ground May Be Made Illegal

THE SELLING of spurious tickets with forged Government stamps outside football grounds received the attention of the Football Association Council at their meeting yesterday. The Chairman, Mr. W. Pryde, acknowledged the seriousness of the situation and said that means would have to be devised whereby the public got a fair deal.

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun stated that a man had been arrested in connection with the discovery of a number of forged tickets, and Legislation was being considered whereby people selling tickets outside the grounds would be liable to prosecution.

Mr. Pryde referred to criticism regarding the large allotment of seats to South China and Eastern in the Shield final, and stated that it had been agreed by the Association that South China and Eastern should have first call on seating accommodation. It was also agreed that at least half the covered and uncovered stands would be left for the Public.

Mr. Hollands said there were 50 unsold tickets on the morning of the match. Mr. Skinner said there were actually 22, which were returned to the ground and sold to the Public.

Replying to a query regarding the sale of complimentary tickets, Mr. Goldenberg, Secretary, said South China had over 40 hawkers with passes. These were cancelled by the Association, and nine others issued.

One of the nine hawkers was caught trying to dispose of his ticket. This was cancelled and the man arrested.

A sub-committee comprising Mr. Pryde, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun and Mr. Goldenberg was formed to go into the matter. Fifty per cent. of the net receipts were paid to Macao in the recent interport match, but the Chairman said that the cost of the interport dinner was more than the Association's share.

The final of the Lal Wah cup will be played at the Hongkong Football ground on Sunday, Major Gen. and Mrs. Grasett will be present and the Cup presented by Mrs. Grasett.

UNSAFE STANDS. A letter from the Hongkong Area Sports Board asking for a contribution to the cost of the stands at Soekunpoo was rejected.

Mr. Hollands said he had previously drawn the attention of the Council to the state of the stands at Soekunpoo, and the match should never have been played there. He suggested the Council enquire when the stands were last renovated or overhauled.

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun said that if the stands were unsafe before the match the responsibility did not fall on the Association. The gates of the ground had to be closed before the start of the China-Scotland International Charity Cup competition on March 25 owing to

Strong Army XI To Play Chinese In Lal Wah Cup Final

ARMY will field a very powerful eleven against the Chinese in the final of the Lal Wah Cup football competition on the Club ground on Sunday, April 14, commencing at 4 p.m.

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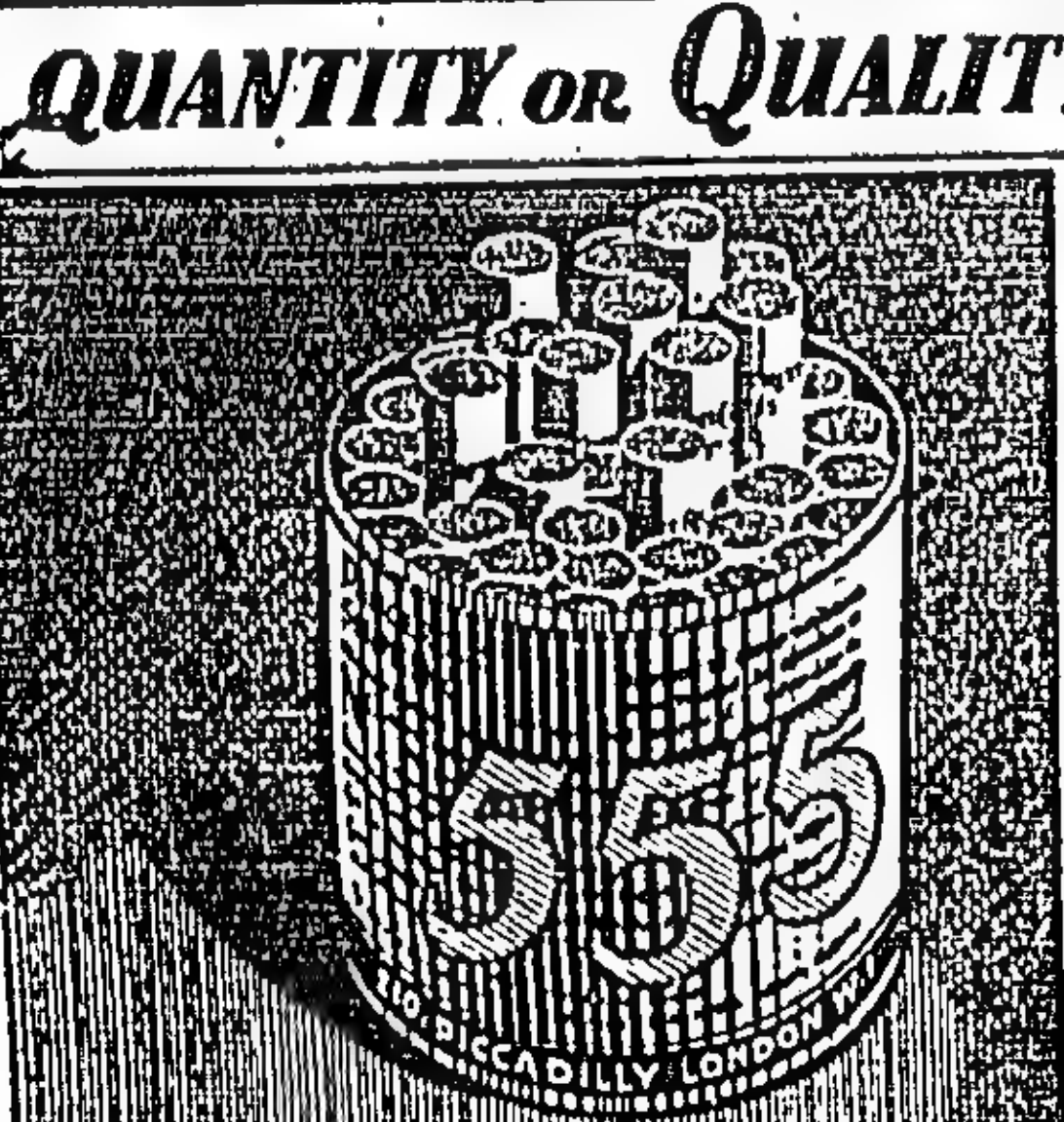
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ANDY HARDY GETS SPRING FEVER

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by BEATRICE FABER

AT THE auditorium door, Rose Meredith bade the last of the "actors" good night. She had already telephoned the light company and everything would be fixed by morning. Then she turned. "Last as usual, Andy?"

"I guess so." He leaned against the wall. "Gee, it was a terrible show, wasn't it?"

She spoke comfortingly. "You know what they say about bad dress rehearsals. It means the show will be good."

"Mhmhm." Then he leaned forward and there was desperation in his face. "Rose, will ya let me ask a favour?"

She didn't reprove him for the "Rose" this time. He hadn't even known he had said it.

"Lemme walk home with you to-night," he begged.

She looked at him knowing that he was waiting for the sick, awful disappointment of her "no." Then she said, quite impersonally "all right. Let's go."

They sauntered down the street and suddenly they were at the Carvel Park Gardens with its white fountain all silvery in the moonlight. Andy looked up at the sky. "Gee, it's a swell night."

She quoted softly, "How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this land."

...Look how the floor of heaven is thick inlaid with patterns of bright gold...

He was staring at her, fascinated. "You know," he said huskily, "I used to think Shakespeare was all a bunch of junk. But when you say it it sounds different." His face clouded with honest perplexity. "Now isn't that peculiar. Suddenly he reached up to the bridal wreath above them and shook the blossoms in her hair."

"You look beautiful like that." He gazed at her in wild worship and said hoarsely, "I wish it was orchids."

"Why, I think this is a lot nicer. Andy, orchids are a little obvious don't you think? They cost a lot of money, yes, but there's more poetry to these."

"I never thought of that before." His face twined and suddenly he seized her hand. "Gee, will I ever again meet anybody like you? Gee, when I'm grownup, suppose I only meet the orchid kind? I want somebody like you, Rose." He bent suddenly and kissed her hand.

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THERE was pity in her eyes. "Andy dear," she said casually, "let's sit down on the bench."

They faced the pool with its water lilies floating on the surface.

"Are you going to lecture me?" Andy asked.

"Why, I think that would be very unkind."

"Then--can I talk? And can I be sure that you won't laugh at me?"

"Have I ever?"

He shook his head and tried to still his young pounding heart. "That's one of the things I like about you. Well," he didn't dare look at her. "Rose, can you believe anybody my age can be in love?"

"Yes--I can."

His voice was steady. He was speaking almost like a grown man. "I want to get a job this summer. Rose, start earning my own living. I'm younger than you, but you're not much older than me. What I want to know is--" He set his jaw and struggled on. "Could

I have any kind of a chance with you?"

She groped for the right thing to say. "You're a very attractive boy, Andy, but my dear, there are so many barriers between you and me."

"But you like me. I know you do. Oh don't you understand?" he cried. "I'm trying to ask you to marry me." With trembling fingers he brushed back a lock of hair. "It's kind of an important step to take, isn't it? I mean, I've never thought about marrying before. And I've never asked anybody before, either."

"Thank you for the compliment Andy," she said slowly, "but I must be honest with you--"

He jumped up. "Don't don't. I know what you're going to say. He struck one last with the other. "Why did I have to be born younger?"

"Andy, listen to me..."

"I won't listen. I won't go on with the play. I'll hop a freight out of town. I'll do anything but stay here, I won't stay here."

She rose and grasped his arms and gave him a little shake. "Now stop that." He was quite still and she smiled at him. "Don't ever try and fool me, that you'd be a quitter. Five hundred people are coming to see us to-morrow night and we're going to give them the best show we can. But we won't do it if we get confused and emotional and tied into knots to-night."

"I know--"

"Listen Andy, to-morrow night after the play's over I want a few minutes with you alone. I want to tell you a story, Andy, and then you must make your own answer--to the question you asked me to-night." She put out her hand. "Is it a deal?"

He grasped her fingers. "Ok," he said quietly. "It's a deal."

She turned away from him. "Now I'm going down the path to my home alone. I want to think. Goodnight Andy."

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WHEN she was out of sight, he began to plod homewards. But as he was walking up the front steps he realised feverishly that he must talk to Dad again. Now he had something really im-

portant to say, now there was a decision to be made.

As usual at this hour, the Judge was in his den. This time Andy wasted no time in coming to the point. "Dad," he said directly, "I decided it was only fair to tell you--I'm making some plans for the future."

From the heaviness of his own heart, the Judge forced a smile. "Come young fellow sit down. Now then, what plans?"

Quickly, Andy told him. He was going to get a job. He had a few things in view and he had decided not to finish high school. College, of course, was completely out. There were more important things than that in life.

The Judge stroked his chin nervously. "Well, maybe you're right Andy." Handling this, he realised, was going to be touch and go.

"May I ask why you're making these changes?"

"I wanta get married."

"I see. Well, Andy, your mother's going to ask this so I might as well. To whom?"

"Rose Meredith."

"Hm." The Judge digested this gravely. "She's a nice young lady, of course, but don't you think the difference in your ages--?"

Andy got up and began to pace the floor. "Look Dad, what's a difference of five or six years? I'm pretty near seventeen and she's twenty-three. I'm thinking of the future when we're both past thirty and settled down to grow old gracefully together."

The Judge's eyes were serious but warm with affection. "Andrew, listen to me a moment. Do you want to take on premature responsibilities? Do you want to grow up suddenly, instead of wisely? Do you want to make that transition in one foolish leap?"

"The sooner you get married, the sooner you grow up."

"Thousands of young people have tried that theory and crippled themselves for life."

"I don't know what you mean," Andy muttered.

"Oh yes you do. At forty you don't want to find that you were trapped into being an adult, you don't want your life filled with the bitterness and tragedy that passes through my courtroom every day, you don't--"

Andy stepped back as if he were at bay. "Dad I do know what you mean but it's just as though something inside me keeps saying, 'he's wrong, he's wrong, don't listen.'"

The Judge's gaze held infinite pity. "I know what that voice is. It's Springtime."

Andy's face was long with misery. "I guess this is once upon a time and I just don't hear each other Dad. But you're a swell guy and--"

"When are you going to--ask the young lady?" The Judge held his breath. Maybe he'd been wrong about that girl. Maybe this was one of those things that he wasn't going to have any way about, after all.

"I did. To-night. She's gonna answer me to-morrow night."

"Andy, I hope--that no one gets hurt."

"Andy's smile was tender and far off. "Oh I wouldn't hurt her. Then he looked at his father. "Gee, I wish it was to-morrow night."

"Andrew, Andrew," the Judge cried. "A year from now you'll remember this moment and you'll wish you'd tried to see it my way."

Swiftly, Andy went to the door. He turned once. "Goodnight Dad," he said sorrowfully and moved toward the stairs.

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LONG past midnight, Judge Hardy was still sitting there in his den. Andy, the board meeting--it was all jumbled together in nightmare.

Toward dawn the door opened softly and his wife stood there. She came to him and put her hand on his head. "What's wrong, dear?"

"Everything." His voice was thick. Then he began to speak in miserable confession. "Emily, I've been a fool. I smelled some lilacs in bloom and I got to dreaming. For the first time in my life I got greedy."

"I don't see any harm in that," was the stanch reply.

"But I've lost a lot of money. And you know how hard it is and how long it takes us to save. Half of it belongs to you and I've lost it. But that isn't the worst. I've led others to this town in with good faith because I endorsed the deal. And there's no way of paying them back their money," he went on brokenly. "We don't have enough. Yet I'm responsible."

"James dear," she said, "there's always to-morrow. There's always another chance, another opportunity, to find some way out."

He groaned.

By Ernie Bushmiller

"Does it? Suppose you come with me and see. She drew him to the window. Outside, far, far to the east, the sky had paled to a shimmering grey. "Darkest before dawn, darling..."

"Then you--you think I can figure it out?" He was begging for her belief.

"Think? I know. Of course you can."

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SOME hours later he was on his way to the Court-house. So deep in thought was he that he hardly noticed Don Davis' greeting until the man's second try. Don button-holed him.

"Say listen Judge, I'm a member of the Citizens Protest Committee and we need some legal advice."

"Protest Committee for what?"

"We're going to raise a little Cain with the Public Works Committee in the charge of the road building campaign."

"Why?"

"Well, here we're paying expensive taxes for all this work to be done and you know what Jeff Adams discovered? That that dumb committee is importing gravel--get that--bringing gravel in from another county to be used on our roads at a price that'll make your hair curl."

The Judge was thoughtful. "Bringing in gravel..."

"You'd think they were buying gold dust the money they're paying out. And who pays the bills? We do, the taxpayers."

"Did you say--gravel?" Judge Hardy asked in a curiously hushed voice.

"Why yes." And then Don thought the Judge had been gone crazy. "Say--what the--"

"Gravel!" the Judge yelled and he began to wave his arms like a madman. Then, without a word he turned around and began running back to his house, his coat tails flying behind him in the breeze. For one hour he toiled feverishly over his law books. Then he left the house to pay a few visits. His first stop was at the headquarters of the Protest Committee. Next he went to the Public Works Bureau of the Town Council. And finally, it was time for the Board Meeting of the Carvel Aluminum Corporation.

Standing at the head of the directors table, he faced the men who had been his partners in the venture. "Gentlemen," he said gravely, "though for the first time in days, his heart was light, Mr. Willis and Mr. Hansen have been called out of town, it is my unpleasant duty to bring you bad news."

"Bad news, Judge?" Benedict asked suspiciously.

"The City of Carvel has issued us an ultimatum. Either we sell the aqueduct property to the town for its nominal value as a source of gravel or the town will condemn the property and take it over."

That was the idea he had worked out in his den and the Public Works Bureau had heartily endorsed it. It remained now to convince these men that it was the only thing to do.

But all five of his partners immediately started an uproar. Higgins was ready to tear the town apart. Anderson wanted to fight. Miller yelled that they'd carry it clear to the Supreme Court.

"Just a minute boys," Benedict said quietly. "Frankly, I'd agree to fight to protect our money by fair means or foul if--"

He turned to the Judge and smiled. "If you weren't in this with us Judge. Isn't that right men?" There was a hesitant murmur of assent. "I don't think any of us wants to see honest Jim Hardy fighting tax payers of Carvel."

Judge Hardy moistened his dry lips. "That's a mighty fine sentiment but--" now he forced the truth from himself, "gentlemen, what I have just told you is true--"

But it's based on a lie. I've been trying to save my own face but I can't go through with it. Willis and Hansen have disappeared and taken our seventeen thousand dollars with them."

"There was a gasp of horror. "But what about the chemists' report?" Benedict demanded. "The land has eight per cent. of aluminum."

The Judge nodded. "I checked that yesterday with a friend of mine in the State University. The entire surface of the earth is eight per cent. aluminum." He smiled grimly. "But it's commercially impractical to extract it."

"Well, I'll be jiggered," Higgins botham gasped.

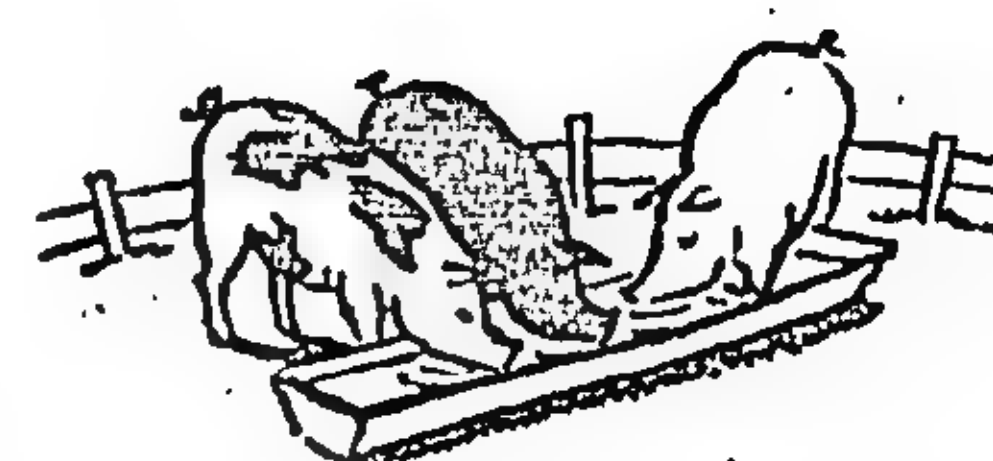
Judge Hardy wiped his forehead. "The town will buy the land for gravel. We've been saved by the skin of our teeth."

"Buy nothing of the kind," Benedict said warmly. "You can't tell me you didn't dig up that idea of selling to the city."

The others heartily backed Benedict up. Then they rallied round

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the Judge and drew the story from him. Finally he stood back. "I feel a little better now and fortunately the town'll pay enough to give us our money back and a little profit besides. As my son Andy would say--it's even Steven and a bit more."

That remark, it seemed, promptly reminded Benedict of his daughter Polly's debut in the school play that night. Then each father there proudly told of his own off-spring's share in the play.

Finally MacMahon asked, "Judge, are you represented in this high school play too?"

"Represented? Why my son Andrew wrote the play," the Judge boasted, "and he's acting the leading male role. Not only that, gentlemen, but he invented a volcano for the third act. I warn you, Carvel can expect anything to happen to-night."

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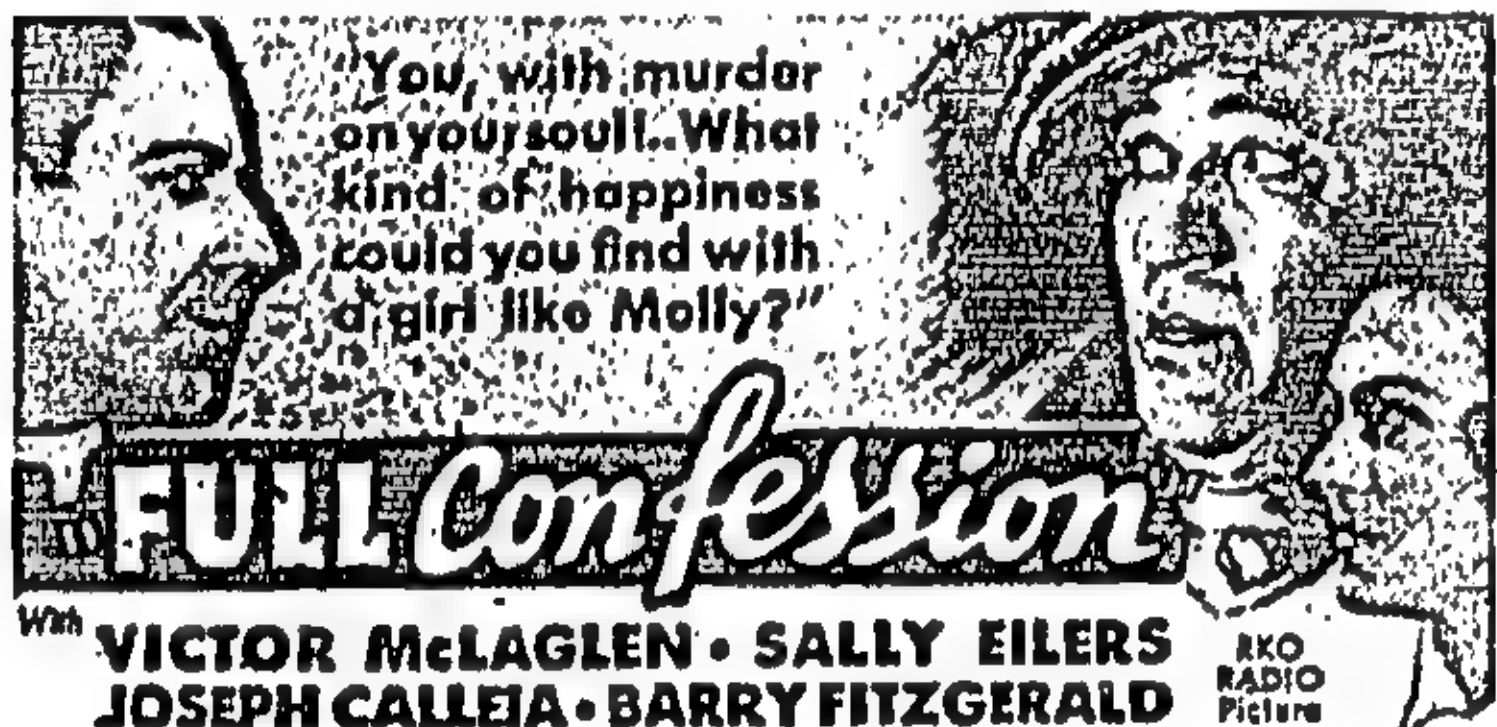
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LATE NEWS

New Move In Shanghai Election

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (UP).—On the eve of the most decisive Municipal elections in the history of the International Settlement, the Japanese to-day made a major bid for the strategic minority vote, which coincided with new threats by the Japanese-controlled Nanking Government for the forcible seizure of foreign settlements.

The Japanese candidate, Mr. Issaku Okamoto, Director of the Japanese Millowners Association in China, in a campaign speech to-day said the Japanese, if elected, were prepared to admit minority groups such as Russian, German and Italian and Jewish refugees to seats on the Municipal Council in an effort to achieve the "internationalisation" of the Settlement—under Japanese dictatorship.

New Threat
Although British and American campaign directors earlier expressed confidence in victory as a result of the most intensive organisation of election efforts in the Settlement's history, the latest Japanese promise to permit the minorities to be represented on the Municipal Council is seen as a new threat of an Occidental victory.

Meanwhile the British and American communities are further concerned over the latest editorial of Wang Ching-wei's "Central China Daily News" declaring that Nanking is powerful enough to reoccupy the foreign settlements now, especially because Britain and France are preoccupied in Europe, while America is unable to act due to her uncertain relations with Japan and Russia.

Some observers see the possibility of an election victory, defeating the Japanese effort to obtain control of the Settlement, becoming an empty victory if the Nanking Government undertakes immediate measures to reoccupy the Settlement as indicated by the "Central China Daily News."

Big Toll Of Life

OSLO, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—Two hundred men are reported to have gone down with an unidentified ship which sank off Lillesand yesterday.

Eighty-eight are stated to have been saved, and 27 bodies have been recovered.

Graf Spee Officers Escape

BUENOS AIRES, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Eleven officers of the scuttled pocket battleship, Graf Spee, have escaped from internment.

NO RESISTANCE

LONDON, Apr. 9 (UP).—"Exchange Telegraph" reports that German troops landed from three German warships and are occupying Copenhagen apparently without resistance.

STOCKHOLM'S RAID ALARM

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—A black-out was enforced in Oslo at 12.45 a.m. to-day, and telephone communication with Stockholm has been cut off.

Another Stockholm message says that the black-out was followed by an air raid alarm which lasted 30 minutes.

Hot Reception For Goering's Sky Raiders

Another Fight Ends In
Allies' Favour

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Eighteen or 20 Messerschmitt fighters were involved in yesterday's furious battle with a much smaller force of Hawker Hurricanes.

The Nazi planes were of the single-engine 109 type. The wreckage of one of them, which was brought down at Boulay-Moselle within a mile or two of the Maginot Line, has been found.

Another was seen to fall, apparently crippled, but no wreckage was located within the Allied lines to confirm a definite "bag."

In recent actions, the twin-engine cannon-firing Messerschmitt 110 has been tried out. The change back to the less powerful Messerschmitt 109 is evidently a sequel to the hot reception the 110 was given.

Making Them Think Hard
Marshal Goering at this stage of the war can better afford to lose the mass-produced 109, of which he has plenty, than its more exclusive big brother. The switchover may be only temporary, but while it lasts the crack squadron to which the 110's are believed to have been attached will be thinking hard.

This squadron was probably moved specially to the Western Front to create a big impression and whip up the waning enthusiasm of the other fighter squadrons.

Doubtless it was expected to take the heart out of the pilots flying the single-engine Hurricanes and the French fighters, but if so, it failed to do so.

HOLLANDERS IN COURT

Pieter Poulous Dobbe, 43, merchant, and Hendriena Van Luer, 25, secretary, both of Amsterdam, Holland, now residing at the Arlington Hotel, Kowloon, were charged before Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with failing to report their change of addresses to the Registration of Persons Office on April 4.

Both defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$10 each.

MINISTERS CONFER

Important Meeting
In London

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—British Ministers from the Balkan States and the Ambassadors from Rome, Moscow and Ankara, met at the Foreign Office this afternoon under the chairmanship of Lord Halifax.

The envoys immediately got to grips with the co-ordinated policy of counter-acting Germany's economic pressures in South-Eastern Europe and development of British trade.

It is understood that the meeting will last at least a week. No official statement will be published until the termination.

Fear British Propaganda

American Newspapers
Chary Of Articles

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, former First Lord of the Admiralty and War Minister, speaking in London to-day after his return from a lecture tour of the United States, said that since the outbreak of war he had found it impossible to place an article in American newspapers.

Americans were interested in Mr. Leslie Hore-Bellina's resignation, but Mr. Hore-Bellina was also unable to place an article in U.S. Press, so strong was the American fear of doing English propaganda.

Britain was doing too little in acquainting Americans with the true facts while the Germans were very successful with their propaganda.

NEW RAID ON SCAPA FLOW

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—An Admiralty and Air Ministry communiqué says that enemy aircraft carried out an attack on Scapa Flow this evening without doing any damage.

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The Hounds Of War Are Unleashed In Scandinavia As — NAZIS INVADE DENMARK, NORWAY GOES TO WAR WITH REICH

Early Morning Drama On Danish Frontier

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APR. 9 (UP).—GERMANY HAS INVADED DENMARK, AND NORWAY HAS OFFICIALLY STATED THAT SHE IS AT WAR WITH THE REICH.

THESE WERE THE AMAZING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THIS MORNING TO FORM THE LATEST DRAMATIC PHASES OF THE CONFLICT IN EUROPE.

NAZI TROOPS APPARENTLY INVADED DENMARK FROM TWO POINTS. THEIR FORCES CROSSED THE GERMAN-DANISH FRONTIER AT SLESVIG, WHILE THREE WARSHIPS STEAMED UP TO COPENHAGEN, CAPITAL OF DENMARK, AND LANDED TROOPS.

COPENHAGEN WAS OCCUPIED WITHOUT RESISTANCE, SAYS A REPORT FROM NEW YORK WHICH QUOTES THE "NEW YORK TIMES."

NORWAY DECLARES WAR

Another Washington report said that the State Department announced that Norway is at war with Germany.

The Columbia Broadcasting System also interrupted its programme at 5.40 a.m. G.M.T., to announce that the invasion of Denmark had been officially confirmed by the Danish Legation in Washington.

"Reuter's" report on the invasion of Copenhagen quotes the "New York Times," which said that early to-day the Copenhagen correspondent of the paper reported that the Germans had occupied the Danish capital.

The correspondent's message indicated that it had been filed just ahead of a suddenly imposed censorship.

CROSSED SLESVIG FRONTIER

Another "Reuter" message from London says that according to a report from Copenhagen, filed before the city was occupied by the Germans, German troops crossed the Slesvig frontier.

The Danish garrison at Sonderburg is moving northwards. Three German cruisers have entered the Middlefahrt harbour. Soldiers were landed and occupied the neighbouring streets. At least one heavy gun was landed.

Three large ships, probably troop transport vessels, are in the Little Belt. In the meantime, according to a Stockholm message, a black-out there was followed by an air raid alarm which lasted half an hour.

NORWEGIANS FIRE ON WARSHIPS

Norway's declaration of war against Germany also coincides with a report, issued by "Domel", that several unknown warships escorting convoy ships early this morning attempted to enter the West Fjord, and were met with a heavy bombardment from the Norwegian coastal defences.

The warships were forced to retreat. The nationality of the invading war vessels has not been made known. According to another "Domel" report from Oslo, a big naval battle is expected as an outcome of the Allied naval forces laying mines in the Norwegian territorial waters.

A large German fleet is said to be hastening towards Norway, while British warships are already in the vicinity.

OFFICIAL NORWEGIAN STATEMENT

A Washington report from "United Press" states that the State Department has received word from the United States Minister at Oslo saying that the Norwegian Foreign Minister had informed him that Norway is at war with Germany.

The State Department's announcement read: "The American Minister at Oslo, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, to-day telegraphed to the Department of State saying that the Norwegian Foreign Minister has officially informed her that the Norwegians fired on four German warships coming up the Oslo Fjord, and that Norway is officially at war with Germany."

Another "Reuter" message from New York, quotes the "New York Times" as saying that the Copenhagen wireless station in a message to the Mackay Radio (New York) said that the station was closing down, adding that "it has been occupied by German troops."

DANISH TROOPS WITHDRAW

A "United Press" report from Stockholm, states that the British Legation said that German transports landed troops on the northern end of Jutland, and also invaded Denmark across the Slesvig frontier.

The Legation added that Danish troops which were landed on the frontier withdrew when the Germans entered, keeping within a mile of the invaders.

A London report from the same agency says that all telephone circuits with the Scandinavian capitals are broken.



Military Exercises

Hongkong Forces Take Up Positions

The British army in Hongkong is now ready in positions to defend the Colony against an enemy attack.

This is revealed in an official communiqué concerning the military exercises which are being carried out this week in Hongkong.

The communiqué reads: "The exercises being held from April 8 to 12 are designed primarily to give the Administrative Services and units practice in their war duties. For this purpose, part of the garrison deployed to-day (Monday), and all positions were occupied by 6 o'clock this evening.

"Owing to the administrative nature of the exercise and to the fact that there will be little movement, the situation will not change materially from day to day.

"It will be the task of the administrative services to maintain the fighting troops in these positions with all that they require until the end of the exercise."

Kenya's War Effort

NAIROBI, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Kenya is preparing to produce more wheat, flax and beans for the British war effort. The East African Trade Delegation which is now visiting London.

Kenya is also planning a war-time supply of hay in the near Middle East.

Shanghai Now Ready To Go To The Polls

JAPANESE CONFIDENT WILL WIN ELECTIONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (Domei).—The Japanese candidates in the S.M.C. elections are confident that they will all be elected.

It is claimed that the Japanese will receive 3,600 votes. There are 3,500 Japanese electors and a further 100 votes are expected from Italian and Spanish residents.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, April 9, (UP).—Wednesday and Thursday—the two days on which Shanghai voters will go to the polls to return the new Municipal Council—are probably the two most important days in the history of the International Settlement, says the "North China Daily News" in an editorial this morning.

All British and American newspapers this morning urge voters to support the officially-nominated candidates.

The Japanese, the "North China Daily News" warns, can be expected to poll almost all their own votes for their five candidates.

"Accidental voters would be well advised to endeavour to equal the strength of the Japanese by voting in defence of their interests.

"The seriousness of the challenge issued by the Japanese is such that no reasonable man can afford to ignore it.

"The interests of Shanghai can best be protected by ensuring that the seven selected British and American candidates receive all the British and American votes, in addition to the votes of as many other nationals as possible."

XMHA Interference

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (UP).—Despite American protests, very strong interference from an unidentified station continues to blanket the programme emanating from the American-owned radio station over which American commentators are urging voters in the Municipal elections to boycott the Japanese candidates.

Campaign managers this morning predict an almost certain victory for the British and American candidates. The disenfranchisement of several

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"TELEGRAPHS" SOLD OUT

This afternoon's news of the grave turn of events in Europe created an unusually heavy demand for the "Telegraph." The Final Edition was rushed and a large number of additional copies published. These, however, were quickly sold out, hence this "Extra."

NAZI NAVY ON MOVE

Four Squadrons On Way North

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 9, (UP).—The Copenhagen Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" confirms that four German naval squadrons passed through the Kattegat last night, proceeding northwards.

The total strength of the

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New Threat By Wang

Nanking May Seize Concessions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, April 9, (UP).

—The remarkable suggestion that Wang Ching-wei, aided by Japan, should choose the moment when Britain and France are pre-occupied in Europe, to take over all foreign concessions in China was advanced to-day by Wang Ching-wei's mouthpiece, the "Central China Daily News."

Nanking, says Wang's newspaper, is now strong enough to take over the concessions.

Britain and France, it points out, are pre-occupied, and the United States could not oppose any action taken by Wang Ching-wei, because of her tense relations with Japan and Soviet Russia.

"The recovery of the concessions is equally as important as the recovery of the Japanese-occupied areas," the paper added.

LATEST

NORWAY'S PORTS INVADED

OSLO, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—The Oslo radio station announces that German troops commenced landing at Norwegian ports at 3 o'clock this morning.

Another London report says that the whole of Scandinavia has been cut off from telephonic communication with London.

All telephone calls between Scandinavian countries and London pass through Copenhagen.

The London-Copenhagen radio-telephone service normally opens at 6 a.m. G.M.T., but London operators failed to get any reply from Copenhagen.

NAZIS CONFIRM REPORTS

LONDON, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—German wireless reports confirm that German troops have invaded both Norway and Denmark.

Nazis Lose Warship, U-Boats And Planes Says Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 8 (UP).—ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN ISSUED BY EITHER THE BRITISH OR NAZI ADMIRALTIES, IT NOW APPEARS THAT REPORTS OF A BIG NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE SKAGER RAK ARE CONFIRMED.

EARLY REPORTS ANNOUNCE A BRITISH NAVAL VICTORY. THE GERMAN LOSSES BEING A WARSHIP, TWO U-BOATS AND A NUMBER OF AIRPLANES.

The battle appears to have been the initial clash following the departure of the German Fleet from its base at Kiel.

A Norwegian ship has arrived at Lillesand with fifty German and British survivors of the battle. Most of the survivors are from two Nazi U-Boats, which appear to have been early victims in the encounter.

SWIFT ACTION: FOUR NAZI SHIPS SUNK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, April 8 (UP).—Scandinavian newspapers are issuing extra editions as events move to a crisis in Norwegian waters.

The British Navy has moved swiftly following the sinking of Norwegian waters.

Four German steamers and a Nazi U-Boat are the first victims as Allied warships, submarines and airplanes carried Europe's war into the Skager RAK.

The German losses are:

The 2,395-ton steamer Kreta, torpedoed by a British submarine off Arendal.

The 9,600-ton German transport Rio de Janeiro, also torpedoed off Arendal.

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The pilot of the ship said they had narrowly escaped the battle, which took place in the Skager RAK. Part of the ship's side was blown away.

A large number of bodies are being washed ashore at Kristiansand.

Nazi Fleet Off Norway

Unconfirmed reports from Stockholm state that the German Fleet is expected to arrive off the Norwegian coast at 7 p.m. It is confirmed that the Nazi warships have passed through the Danish Straits.

An Extra Edition of the

"Allchanda" quotes reports from Copenhagen stating that the German fleet intends to mine the Skager RAK from the Norwegian coast to Denmark.

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Village Near H.K. Bombed

Japanese Air Raid On Mirs Bay

A SMALL Chinese village which lies on the shore of Mirs Bay facing British waters was unexpectedly bombed in a Japanese air raid yesterday.

Only brief particulars are to hand and it is not known why the Japanese chose the village. Shu-U-chang, for their attentions, unless it is because there is a ferry connection with Hongkong.

Wounded Brought To H.K.

As a result of the raid, two Chinese are now in Queen Mary Hospital with serious shrapnel wounds. They are Chia Hoi, 33, a resident of 503 Nathan Road, who was visiting Shu-U-Chung, and Ip Shing, 37, a resident of Satchuen, Chinese Territory.

The two men were brought to Taipei by ferry. Shu-U-Chung is about nine miles from Shataukok.

Japanese Troops Use Parachutes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" KWEILIN, Apr. 9 (UP).—Japanese forces in Central China are now attempting to emulate the Russian strategy of mass parachute landings from large tri-motored bombers far behind the Chinese lines.

The Japanese have established parachute schools at Nanking, Hankow and other centres.

The situation in Central China meanwhile remains quiet. Tsohsien, 60 miles west of Nanning, was destroyed by a Japanese column on April 6, it was revealed to-day.

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MAUNALOA ERUPTING

Hawaiian Volcano Spouts Lava

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HONOLULU, Apr. 8 (UP).—The volcano Maunaloa began erupting about 11.30 a.m. to-day.

A long crack running north and south of the summit of the crater is spouting lava which is spilling in three streams to the west. While a larger flow is flowing to the south, glowing brilliantly in the darkness. None of the natives have left the vicinity and the lava is not headed towards farmlands or habitations.

JAPANESE ORDER FOR GERMAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Apr. 9 (Domel).—The Japanese Emperor has decorated Herr Emil Heifrich, President of the Hamburg-Amerika Line, with the Second Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure.

The award has been made "in appreciation of his distinguished services for good relations between Japan and Germany."

GOEBBELS' DIFFICULTY

Flock Of Rumours In Germany

BERLIN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The tightening of the Allied blockade and the policy of Germany refraining from action has presented a difficult problem for Nazi propagandists.

Neutral observers report a growing unrest in Germany at the lack of real war news. There is dissatisfaction at the controlled Nazi press which gives little news but only a lot of vague threats against Britain and the neutrals.

A flock of rumours has now taken the place of news. The way in which these rumours are getting about suggests to neutral journalists that they may be part of an officially inspired campaign.

Another morale boosting attempt has been the release of "A Baptism of Fire", a documentary film dealing with bombing attacks by the German Air Force in Poland.

Neutral journalists were invited to see the film though whether this was just a friendly invitation or a dark hint is not quite clear.

The opinion of the journalists about the film is well summarised by the Netherlands correspondent who says that the film shows the barbarity and madness of modern war and constitutes a bitter indictment against all responsible for the war now being waged by civilized nations in Europe.

BREACH OF NEUTRALITY

Technically Admitted By Allies

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—From all reports the German propaganda officials far outdo the Scandinavians in their indignation over the latest Allied move.

Here in London semi-official circles comment that it suits Germany to maintain that article of International Law regarding territorial waters.

The rest of the Law vis-a-vis naval warfare, for instance, does not suit them. They have ignored it in the hope of damaging British trade with Norway.

The Allies have every sympathy with the difficult position of Sweden and Norway.

The new mine-fields are not directed against the neutrals, every care being taken to ensure that Norwegian ships are not prevented from reaching their own ports or any of the small villages along the coast.

The action is solely and entirely directed against Germany.

Breach Of Neutrality
It is admitted that the mine-fields represent a technical breach of neutrality but the rules of neutrality always rest on common acceptance.

If one side persistently disregards them, it cannot claim that they should be fully complied with by the other side. That is what Germany has been doing for some time.

The Allied governments have watched Germany's brutal attacks on neutral attacks which have hit Norway harder than anyone else.

They have hoped that Norway herself would stop the Nazi outrages against her but it has been made painfully clear that Norway cannot do so.

The Allies feel that they have been patient long enough. German propagandists would have it that the Allies are threatening Scandinavia.

Will Act Swiftly
Official Allied circles make it clear that there is no threat and that neither Britain nor France are trying to extend the war to the northern countries.

At the same time it should be clearly understood that the Allies will act swiftly and decisively if Germany should take any military action directed against Scandinavia.

Similarly the Allies have informed Norway and Sweden that they would not be indifferent to a Soviet advance across Scandinavia and would regard unfavourably any German promise to help Scandinavia against Russia.

DOG OWNERS FINED

A fine of \$5 was imposed on M. Berrux, of Somerset Road, by Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning for allowing his dog to be in Waterloo Road without a muzzle or lead on March 19.

J. E. Noronha, of Victory Avenue, Homantin, was summoned for allowing a brown pointer dog, and a black and white pointer dog to be in Victory Avenue without muzzles or leads; and keeping them without licences on March 17. He was fined \$10.

Miss Chan, of Gramplan Road, was fined \$5 for allowing her chow dog to be abroad in Gramplan Road without a muzzle or lead.

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The University are holders of the league championship, and this match should produce some sparkling badminton. The teams have defeated each other once this season, having each won the rest of their games.

Both teams expect to be at full strength for this encounter.

South Africa Responds

Already 60,000 Have Joined Colours

CAPE TOWN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—In the course of a speech on war questions, General J. C. Smuts, the Prime Minister, recalled that already 60,000 of South Africa's small population of Europeans have volunteered for military service.

There had been no extraordinary effort to recruit the men, he said, but if the war became more serious the response would be greater still.

Northern Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Kenya, he said, were the outposts of South Africa and her civilisation. "If there is any danger we shall be there," he continued. "Perhaps we shall have to defend South Africa there. For all this we are preparing."

General Smuts said that there was no isolation in the world. He had not a drop of English blood in his veins, but he did believe that Britain "is our greatest friend and that Germany would be a dangerous bed-fellow."

Since September 4 last year, he said, there had been a surge of feeling in favour of South Africa's decision to enter the war.

Woman Driver Fined

Motoring Offences By Europeans

Mrs. E. Kella, of Mody House, was fined \$8 by Mr. Macdavid at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning for speeding through the Controlled Area in Nathan Road, at a speed of 23 miles per hour on March 15, at 12.35 p.m. Her representative pleaded guilty.

Traffic Sgt. Brown said Mrs. Kella overtook a car while turning from Overlook Road into Nathan Road, and entering the Controlled Area at 30 miles per hour.

Sounded Horn in Silent Zone
V. Chirikoff, of Dairy Farm, Pokfulam, was summoned before Mr. Macdavid at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning for sounding the horn of a car on March 5, 1 a.m., in a Silent Area in Nathan Road, south of Jordan Road.

Sgt. H. B. Dewar said Chirikoff sounded the horn of a stationary car six or seven times, apparently to attract someone's attention.

Mr. Macdavid told him that he must be considerate, because residents there might be disturbed.

Cuba Recognises Chiang Kai-shek

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HAVANA, April 9 (UP).—The Cuban Government officially announces that Cuba will continue to recognise Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as the head of the Chinese Government.

The Government has already informed the Chinese Minister to this effect.

NAZIS REFUSE PERMISSION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" VATICAN CITY, Apr. 9 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that the German Government has refused, for the second time, to grant permission to the Apostolic Nuncio in Berlin to visit German-occupied Poland.

The request was made by the Papal Nuncio on instructions from the Papal Secretary of State.

GREEK STEAMER IS SUNK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Apr. 9 (UP).—The 4,832 ton Greek steamer Olekna was sunk to-day, apparently by a mine.

The Chief Engineer is missing, and the rest of the crew were rescued and have been landed at an English port.

"DASTARDLY" PLOT!

Goebbels Discovers New Machinations

BERLIN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—In the papers here yesterday instead of the news of Allied mine-fields found in Norwegian waters being published they appeared on their front pages Dr. Goebbels' story about a dastardly British plot to blockade the Danube.

This is only one of the many signs showing that the Nazi Government realises what a blow this new measure will be. It will stop the iron ore shipments through Norway and figures now available show how valuable that traffic was.

For over six months of the year it is the only route for Scandinavian exports to Germany for the Baltic ports are frozen.

Before the war over one-third of Germany's imports came from countries from which she is now clearly cut off.

Of the rest three-quarters came from Sweden and a small portion from Norway.

Of these Scandinavian supplies over 7,500,000 tons came from Narvik in Norway in 1938, the other Baltic ports only handled 5,000,000 tons.

Germany is already short of iron ore and the stoppage of important shipments through Narvik means a very serious deficiency in supplies.

Passage For Warships

Ships with other goods have been able to evade the Allied contraband control by coming through Norwegian territorial waters, which also provided a safe passage out for German warships and commerce raiders.

New minefields mean that at least at three points the ships will have to come out of Norwegian waters within the reach of the Royal Navy.

"Rape Of Neutrality"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Apr. 9 (UP).—Authorised Nazi quarters describe the mining of Norwegian waters as "the rape of neutrality."

The Nazis charge that Britain is prepared for "an act of war" on neutral soil.

The Reich is described as watching with "ice-cold composure" the latest developments in Scandinavia and the Balkans.

TELL-TALE FIGURES

How The Blockade Is Hurting Germany

LONDON, Apr. 8, (British Wireless).—The British naval action to-day, which will interfere with supplies reaching Germany from the northern ports, lends special interest to figures relating to Germany's imports of iron ore published to-day.

Nearly 22,000,000 tons of this important raw material, having about 60 per cent. of iron content, were imported into the old Reich in 1938, and of this total about 9,750,000 tons came from countries to which Germany ceased to have access immediately war broke out. Of the remaining 12,000,000 tons, nearly 9,000,000 tons, with an iron content of over 6,000,000 tons, came from Sweden, the remainder being divided amongst Luxembourg, Norway, Greece and Switzerland.

Big Swedish Exports
In 1938, Swedish iron ore exports totalled 12,600,000 tons and therefore her exports to Germany consisted of approximately three-quarters of her total export of iron ore.

This mineral was mainly transported through three ports—Narvik alone taking 7,600,000 tons.

Since these 1938 figures were published, Czechoslovakia and Poland have been annexed by the Nazis and, therefore, Swedish iron ore exports to these countries must be taken into consideration in assessing the degree of German dependence upon this source of supply.

In 1938, Czechoslovakia took 700,000 tons and Poland 120,000 tons, mainly exported through Narvik.

Being cut off since the beginning of the war from nearly half her requirement, the Reich now depends increasingly on Swedish supplies and the removal of Narvik by forcing all supplies available to come through the insufficiently-equipped Baltic ports represents a further substantial net loss to Germany of a commodity in which she is already seriously deficient.

ALLIES BUY FROM U.S.

But Exports To Reich Fall Rapidly

NEW YORK, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—During the first six months of the war there was a big increase in United States exports to Britain and France and a big falling off in those to Germany.

Up to the end of February the total value of exports from the United States rose by one-third (\$2,487,000,000). Of these the value of the total exports to Germany was \$175,000 or \$18,000,000 less than corresponding figure for 1938.

The exports to Britain totalled \$70,000,000 and to France over \$37,000,000.

The British figure represents an increase of 15 per cent. The purchases of aeroplanes by the Allies amounted almost to \$23,000,000.

PROPERTY DISPUTE

Expert Evidence To Be Called

A property dispute, involving a house in Kowloon City, claimed by two sisters who are using the same name, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Abthall MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning. Plaintiff, who called herself Leung Mei-ha, asked the Court for a declaration that she is the owner of New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2351 (13 Nga-Tsin-Long Road) and an order for her younger sister, Leung Shiu-fan, alias Leung Mei-ha, to return the Crown Lease and other documents in connection with the property. Defendant counter-claimed for a declaration that the property belonged to her.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appeared for plaintiff, and defendant was represented by Mr. Eidon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. H. K. Woo.

The defence denied that plaintiff was Leung Mei-ha and further alleged plaintiff bought the property on behalf of defendant to whom she was indebted to the extent of \$8,000 for which she signed a promissory note.

Cross-Examination
Plaintiff was called by Mr. Potter this morning for further cross-examination. Mr. Potter produced an identification certificate issued by the Japanese authorities in Canton to her elder sister in the name of Ho Chun-shi. Plaintiff agreed her sister had married a man surnamed Ho, but said the name of Chung might have been adopted by her sister. Their family name was Leung, she declared. She denied she was also known as Chan Ng-ko.

Re-examined by Mr. Chen, plaintiff said defendant gave instructions to someone to write the name of Chan Kue-shu on the promissory note. The name was one plaintiff used in the title deed.

Mr. Potter pointed out that plaintiff, when questioned at length by him yesterday, had stated she did not know how the name came to be on the document.

Plaintiff added she signed the promissory note in order to prevent it having any connection with the property.

Ex-Amah's Evidence
Cheung Sam-mul, a former sewing-amah, said she used to work for Europeans and had been to Singapore and England. She had saved up quite a lot of money during her service. She had known plaintiff since they were children and always knew her by the name of Leung Mei-ha. Witness knew she had a younger sister, Leung Shiu-fan, and had seen her once before.

Witness identified a promissory note given to her by the plaintiff in respect of a loan of \$2,000, and said \$1,500 had since been repaid. That money had been borrowed by the plaintiff to purchase a house.

Cross-examined by Mr. Potter, witness said she brought approximately \$7,000 in money and jewellery back to Hongkong from Singapore. She lent the money to plaintiff because they were friends. When witness first went to see a solicitor to sign a certain document, but plaintiff put her off. Defendant became annoyed and threatened to call the solicitor to the house to make her sign.

Cross-examined by Mr. Potter, witness said she never heard plaintiff call the defendant "Ah. Ah. Leung." Mr. Chen said that was his case, with the exception of calling an expert witness to testify regarding the writing in a letter. Mr. Potter said he also proposed calling an expert on microscopic and photographic work to say that certain pencilled characters in a document had been partially erased.

The case is proceeding.

FIRE BRIGADE INSPECTION

Owing to the inability of His Excellency the Governor to be present, the inspection of the Hongkong Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Service on Thursday, April 11, has been indefinitely postponed. Those who have received invitations are requested kindly to accept this official notification.

Mexico Prepared For Eventuality

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" MEXICO CITY, Apr. 9 (UP).—Mexico is opening negotiations with an American company for the purchase of rifles, artillery and warplanes for the value of 40,000,000 pesos, according to the "Excelsior."

The report states that the Secretary for Defence proposes to bring the Mexican Army up to full strength.

Mexico, says "Excelsior" is preparing for any eventuality.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTREAL, APRIL 9 (UP).—"THE DEVELOPMENTS IN NORWAY MEAN THAT THE EUROPEAN WAR WILL SPREAD ON A TREMENDOUS SCALE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS."

This solemn prediction was made to-day by Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, former Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron in Hongkong.

Admiral Kelly forecast that Soviet Russia and Germany will proclaim an open military alliance in order to clarify the issues.

"Not only northern Europe but south-eastern Europe will become an active theatre of war as the Allies attempt to halt the flow of oil to Germany," Admiral Kelly said.



Admiral Sir Howard Kelly

Scapa Flow Raid Fails

No Damage, But Nazis Lose One Plane

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 9 (UP).—The Admiralty and Air Ministry have issued a joint communique, stating that German planes attacked Scapa Flow yesterday evening.

No damage was inflicted and it is certain that at least one German plane was brought down by R.A.F. pursuit planes.

Exorbitant Claims
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Apr. 9 (UP).—German claims to have again sunk the British Fleet at Scapa Flow—the second time within a week.

In its communique, on yesterday's Scapa raid, D.N.B. reports that "several heavy units" of the British fleet were hit by German bombs.

Two Enemy Planes Down
The Air Ministry has announced that it is now known that two enemy aircraft, which participated in the Scapa Flow raid, were shot down, and it is believed that a third, which was severely damaged, has been lost.

IMMEDIATE EXTENSION OF WAR TO INVOLVE ALL EUROPE

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America Concerned
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (UP).—American afternoon newspapers gave sensational headlines to the mining of Norwegian waters.

Administration officials have begun immediate consultations with the Maritime Commission as to whether U.S. ships should be banned from Norwegian waters.

The final decision will rest with President Roosevelt.

No Protest Likely
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (Dome).—It is not anticipated that the United States will protest to Britain and France against their action in Norwegian waters.

OLD, OLD STORY AGAIN DENIED
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
THE HAGUE, April 9 (UP).—Sensational reports in the Rome "Popolo da Roma" which stated that the Netherlands would place the Netherlands West Indies under the "protection of a great power" if Holland became involved in war were authoritatively denied here to-day.

The Amsterdam Correspondent of the "Popolo da Roma" stated that the great power concerned would be neither England nor Germany, implying that the United States would gain war-time custody of the Dutch colonies.

"It is an old story, repeatedly denied," said well-informed circles to-day.

NEW BATTLEFIELD EXPECTED SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, April 9 (UP).—Belgium fears that a new battlefield has developed in northern Europe as a result of the Allies' decision to mine Norwegian waters.

Official Belgian circles understand that Germany is determined to continue at all costs her supplies of the vital iron ores which have now been cut off by the Allied action.

It is reliably stated that the Belgian authorities knew of the Allies decision regarding Norway as long ago as last Saturday.

Political circles do not believe that the new situation will affect Belgium.

It is semi-officially stressed here that Norwegian neutrality is of a different category to that observed in both Belgium and Holland.

Norway permits the entry of belligerent ships into her territorial waters: the Lowlands, on the other hand, have prohibited the entry of warships of any of the belligerents.

Norway's Precautions
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OSLO, April 9, (Dome).—The Norwegian authorities have ordered all Norwegian ships in harbours north of West Fjord to remain in port.

Maritime traffic along the Norwegian coast has now been completely suspended.

An emergency session of the Norwegian Diet has been called, mark, thus blocking all trade between Copenhagen and other ports on the Swedish coast with the Atlantic or North Sea.

A report from Narvik states that two Norwegian submarines moved out towards Westfjord this morning.

Two Norwegian battleships are still at their berths but smoke is pouring out of their funnels indicating that they are raising steam preparatory to moving.

Armada Proceeding Up Coast
LONDON, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—It is now confirmed that between 80 and 100 German warships have been sighted steaming northwards in the Kattegat and the Great Belt.

The armada includes several large warships, in addition to auxiliary craft and armed trawlers.

Reports from Oslo state that big warships, nationality not stated, were sighted this morning off Bud, on the west coast of Norway, and south of Tromsheim.

Big warships were also seen from Hvalstad, just north of Bud.

Five steamers were stopped in this area.

It is reported from Bodø, in north-west Norway, that ordinary coastal traffic has been sighted proceeding northwards through the Kattegat.

JAPANESE CONFIDENT WILL WIN ELECTIONS

FROM PAGE ONE

Japanese voters last week has weakened the Japanese position.

Representations Made
SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—Representations concerning the broadcasts of the American-owned radio station, XMHK, were made yesterday by Mr. Monroe B. Hall, Consul attached to the Political and Protection Section of the U.S. Consulate General, when he called on the Japanese Consul General, Mr. Y. Mura.

The visit was the result of a protest filed at the American Consulate on Saturday by Mr. L. H. Henley, the station manager, and Mr. Carroll D. Alcott, the commentator.

The protest alleged that Japanese elements are operating from Hong-kong, causing interference.

Mr. Mura is reported to have promised that the Japanese authorities would investigate.

Interference of the station's programmes, especially the news broadcast, began on Saturday. It is alleged that the interference was an effort to handicap the station's broadcasts in support of the British and American candidates for the Municipal elections as opposed to the five Japanese candidates.

Other reports concerning the Shanghai elections will be found on page 7.

SWEDES RUSH TO MAN DEFENCES
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 9 (UP).—The Swedish Defence Guards are being rapidly reinforced, especially in the southern districts of Skåne and Småland.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (UP).—Mr. Frank Lockhart has been appointed U.S. Consul General in Shanghai, to replace Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, recently appointed Minister to Australia.



New Move In Shanghai Election

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (UP).—On the eve of the most decisive Municipal elections in the history of the International Settlement, the Japanese to-day made a major bid for the strategic minority vote, which coincided with new threats by the Japanese-controlled Nanking Government for the forcible seizure of foreign settlements.

The Japanese candidate, Mr. Issaku Okamoto, Director of the Japanese Millowners Association in China, in a campaign speech to-day said the Japanese, if elected, were prepared to admit minority groups such as Russian, German and Italian and Jewish refugees to seats on the Municipal Council in an effort to achieve the "internationalisation" of the Settlement—under Japanese dictatorship.

New Threat
Although British and American campaign directors earlier expressed confidence in victory as a result of the most intensive organisation of election efforts in the Settlement's history, the latest Japanese promise to permit the minorities to be represented on the Municipal Council is seen as a new threat of an Occidental victory.

Meanwhile the British and American communities are further concerned over the latest editorial of Wang Ching-wei's "Central China Daily News" declaring that Nanking is powerful enough to reoccupy the foreign settlements now, especially because Britain and France are preoccupied in Europe, while America is unable to act due to her uncertain relations with Japan and Russia.

Some observers see the possibility of an election victory, defeating the Japanese effort to obtain control of the Settlement becoming an empty victory if the Nanking Government undertakes immediate measures to reoccupy the Settlement as indicated by the "Central China Daily News."

Battleships To Return

Italians Recommission Two Vessels

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, April 9 (UP).—It is believed certain that Italy will not close the Adriatic Sea without giving due notification to other Powers.

If, however, Italy decides to take this action, any attempt by warships of third Powers to pass the Straits would be considered a challenge to Italian authority in the Adriatic.

During the Great War Italy closed the Otranto Straits.

With command of Albania, Italy could now close the Adriatic Sea at a moment's notice. Big coastal batteries on both sides of the narrow Otranto Straits command the entrance to the Sea.

NAZI NAVY ON MOVE

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German fleet is between 80 and 100 light and heavy units.

The squadron is believed to include Germany's only aircraft carrier, the Hindenburg, which was commissioned about three months ago.

London Speculations

Speculation in London—apparently largely unsubstantiated—interprets the German move as a prelude to mine-laying operations in the Skagerrak, by which means Germany hopes to close the Baltic Sea.

A serious sortie by the Nazi fleet to engage the British Navy is considered most unlikely.

The British Navy would welcome an engagement with the Germans.

Correspondents point out that the Germans could muster a maximum of only 30 surface warships, which the British navy would have no difficulty in overwhelming.

H.E. The Governor Indisposed

On medical advice His Excellency the Governor has for the immediate future cancelled all engagements that would entail his leaving his room, to which he is confined with an occlusion of a vein of the right leg.

New U.S. Consul In Shanghai

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SWIFT ACTION: FOUR NAZI SHIPS SUNK

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The 1,200-ton German tanker Poseidon.

A fourth Nazi steamer of about 5,000 tons, at present unidentified; A German U-boat, sunk by depth charges off Lillesand, in the Skagerak.

Other Losses Reported
The above-mentioned German losses can be accepted as authentic. Wildcat rumours in Scandinavia state that there have been additional Nazi losses, including a German warship, two U-boats and several airplanes, in a big battle in the Skagerak.

Four bodies of unknown nationality have been washed up on the beach at Lillesand.

The British naval action in the Skagerak appears to be the first concrete move, apart from the mining of Norwegian waters, in the Allied plan to completely sever German supply lines in the north.

Transport Torpedoed
The transport Rio de Janeiro was torpedoed at 1 p.m.

It is reported that she disregarded the signals of the British submarine to halt. Flying fragments killed three members of the crew, but the rest were picked up.

The Poseidon was torpedoed at 3 p.m.

Flanermen report having seen military uniforms among the survivors of the Rio de Janeiro. It has been established in Oslo that the vessel was a military transport with a capacity for 200 troops. Norwegian authorities believe that she carried a greater number.

It has been ascertained that she was also carrying cavalry horses and other military equipment when she was torpedoed.

So far it cannot be ascertained whether she was torpedoed inside or outside Norwegian territorial waters.

Freighter Unmolested

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TRIESTE, Apr. 9 (UP).—The German freighter Ankara, which was reported yesterday to be proceeding up the Adriatic coast through Yugoslav waters with a British warship, just outside territorial waters, as escort, has arrived at Trieste.

She carried a cargo of 4,000 tons of bauxite, from which aluminium is derived.

Outside Territorial Waters

OSLO, Apr. 9 (UP).—It is officially announced by the Norwegian authorities that the German transport Rio de Janeiro was torpedoed outside Norwegian territorial waters between Lillesand and Kristiansand, off the coast of Jutland.

It is estimated that 150 out of the 300 German troops aboard have been killed.

Thirty bodies have been washed ashore. A Norwegian destroyer picked up 143 survivors.

Nazis Lose Three Ships

LONDON, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—German shipping, already restricted to limited traffic owing to the Allied sea blockade, has suffered one of the most disastrous days of the war as a result of brilliant submarine action by the British Navy.

The large German ships, one a 5,201-ton military transport, have been sunk.

Another, the 7,600-ton Hansa Line freighter Unstet, has been captured by the British Navy and taken into Millwall Docks, where she has proved to be a veritable treasure ship.

It is estimated that the ship and cargo are worth roughly £750,000.

The cargo included tons of oil and ground-nuts suitable for making margarine.

The German military transport was torpedoed by a British submarine off Christiansand, Norway, after being warned by the Commander of the submarine.

She was the 5,201-ton steamer Rio de Janeiro, formerly of the Hamburg Sud-America Line, but taken over by the German Navy after the outbreak of war.

150 Lives Lost
According to an Oslo message, 150 of the 300 men aboard the Nazi transport lost their lives.

In addition to these losses, the 12,000-ton German Posidon was torpedoed off the Rauer Islands, at the mouth of Oslo Fjord, by a British submarine, after she had been stopped by a warning shot across her bows.

The Commander of the submarine gave the crew 15 minutes to take to their boats.

After they left the ship she was sunk by torpedo.

The crew of 50 reached the Norwegian coast without assistance. The captain, however, was taken prisoner aboard the British submarine.

The Posidon was outward bound from Germany.

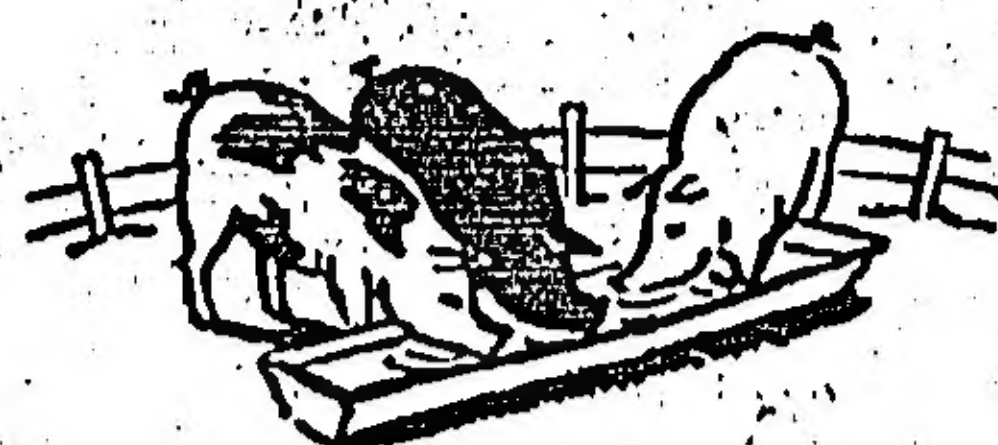
Yet another Nazi merchantman, the name of which is not yet known, was sunk by gunfire off Lillesand.

Some of the wounded seamen were taken ashore in Norway.

Survivors Land
OSLO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Survivors of the Rio de Janeiro state that she was torpedoed by one of two British submarines four sea miles from the Norwegian coast.

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BRITISH PLAN TO DYNAMITE DANUBE

Amazing Sabotage Plot Is Alleged
By German News Agency

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 8 (UP).—The German Foreign Office, according to the D.N.B. Agency, is in possession of documentary evidence of "a colossal sabotage plan by the British Secret Service."

The plan was to sabotage and divert the Danube River, one of the main German transport life-lines in the Balkans.

Under the plan, states D.N.B., British motor-boats and barges, manned by British sailors and military officers, made an effort to sail up the Danube in order to dynamite the banks of the river at certain points, and to sink concrete-filled barges in the shipping channel.

The intention was to completely halt German trade with south-eastern Europe.

Alleged Plot Discovered

The plot was revealed when Rumanian authorities halted and searched the ships at Guila.

It became known on April 5 that, in company with several British motor-boats, the tug-boats Britannia and Elizabeth, Danubia Shell 1 and King George, together with the British steamer Dyonisia, and 94 barges, were under way up the Danube," the D.N.B. report states.

As the result of an indiscretion among the British sailors, it became known that there were large quantities of revolvers, machine-guns, hand grenades, ship's cannon, water bombs and mines aboard the British ships.

Specialists Disguised As Crew
Additionally, 100 English specialists, disguised as members of the crews of the British ships, were among the personnel. The craft carried five British naval officers, several R.A.F. officers, and dynamiting personnel.

The expedition was led by the Chief of the English Secret Service in Rumania. He was disguised as a Vice-Consul.

When the Rumanian authorities searched the ships at Guila, they discovered more than 400 crates of high explosives.

"This cargo has been described in the ships' manifests as 'goods in transit' through Rumania."

Officially Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHAREST, Apr. 9 (UP).—The D.N.B. story of the so-called British plot to sabotage the Danube has been circulating in Bucharest for several days.

However, every official source denies its authenticity.

When asked to-day whether a "unity of high explosive has been seized on the Danube, a Rumanian official said: "A number of crates containing food, which had no Customs declaration, have been seized by the Rumanian authorities."

perished in addition to 150 men. Crowds flocked to the quayside at Lillesand when the rescued Germans, some of whom were wounded and wrapped in blankets, were brought ashore and taken away in motor cars.

So far ten bodies have been brought ashore.

Belligerents May Fight On Norway's Soil

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, Apr. 9 (Dome).—The situation in the Scandinavian countries is rapidly becoming strained.

It is believed here that one far-reaching outcome of the intensified Allied blockade will be that both the Allies and Germany will send armed forces to Norway, ostensibly to protect their neutrality.

Political observers believe that Norway and Sweden will conclude a military defensive alliance in order to meet the new situation.

Big Toll Of Life

OSLO, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—Two hundred men are reported to have gone down with an unidentified ship which sank off Lillesand yesterday.

Eighty-eight are stated to have been saved, and 27 bodies have been recovered.

Graf Spee Officers Escape

BUENOS AIRES, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Eleven officers of the scuttled pocket battleship, Graf Spee, have escaped from internment.

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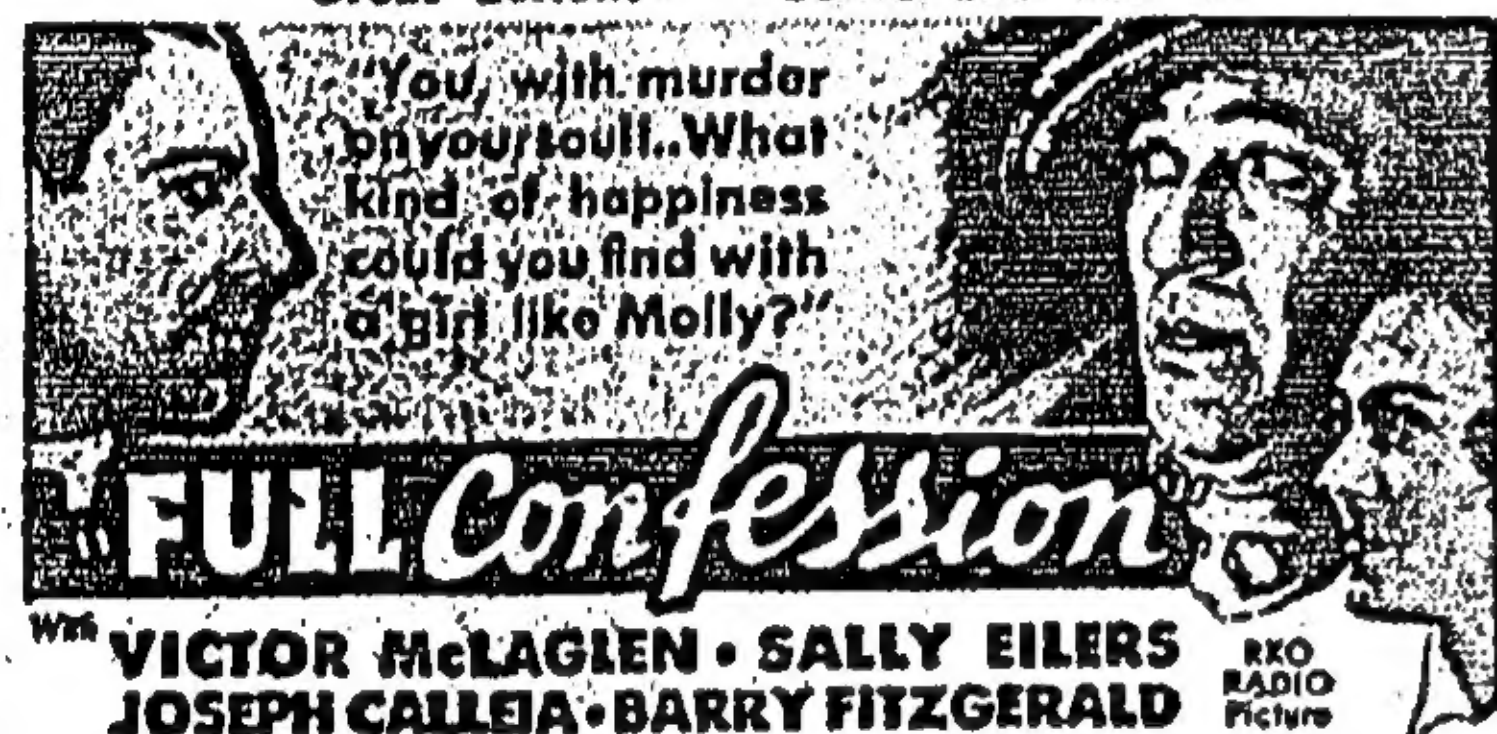
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DARING ATTACK ON DORNIER

British Pilot's Skill
Described

LONDON, Apr. 8 (British Wire-
less).—Further details of a recent
engagement over the North Sea be-
tween an aircraft of the R.A.F.
Coastal Command and a German
flying boat are now available.

Both machines were within 20 feet
of the water throughout the fight.
The British aircraft, a Hudson, was
on patrol when the pilot saw a dark
grey Dornier at sea level. The Bri-
tish pilot attacked from the beam
and opened the fight with three short
bursts from his front gun.

Broadside Action

The Dornier turned steeply to port
but the Hudson swung to starboard
to bring his rear gun into action.
Two bursts were fired as the
enemy came into sight. The Ger-
man rear gunner replied with tracer
bullets, but his shots went wide. The
Hudson attacked again and the
German's rear gun was silenced.

Nazi Guns Silent

The British pilot made five more
attacks from the tail and there was
still no reply from the German guns.
The Hudson climbed and came down
from 2,000 feet upon the Dornier,
flying 500 feet above the sea. Three
bursts from the Hudson's front gun
entered the Dornier's fuselage while
the German rear gunner replied.

The Hudson pulled steeply to port
out of its dive and circled to allow
its rear gunner to fire several bursts
which also got home in the enemy's
fuselage.

The Last Dive

Then the British pilot dived once
again upon the Dornier, scoring more
hits with his front and rear guns.
But the Hudson was returning from
a long patrol, and the petrol began
to run short. With a final burst
from his gun, the pilot broke off the
combat and returned to his base
with only enough petrol in his tank
for two minutes of flying time.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS

The Chinese Philharmonic recently
resumed weekly rehearsals under the
direction of Professor Ettore Pelle-
gatti, L.I.M.P., L.T.C.L., and it is
their intention to arrange a short
series of Charity Concerts (Classical
& Variety) sometime in May.

The proceeds from these Concerts
will be in aid of local charities and
also for the relief of distress in the
war-stricken zones of China.

This Orchestra is an enthusiastic
body of amateur instrumentalists
who has been meeting regularly for
several years in the past, and had on
many previous occasions presented
quite a number of musical pro-
grammes for relief work. The Or-
chestra comprises over 25 members
and will offer in the coming Con-
certs a programme of well-known
overtures, classical compositions, and
light works by modern composers.

LATE NEWS

Hot Reception For Goering's Sky Raiders

Another Fight Ends In
Allies' Favour

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—
Eighteen or 20 Messerschmitt
fighters were involved in yester-
day's furious battle with a much
smaller force of Hawker Hur-
ricanes.

The Nazi planes were of the
single-engined 109 type. The
wreckage of one of them, which
was brought down at Boulay-
Moselle within a mile or two of
the Maginot Line, has been found.

Another was seen to fall, appar-
ently crippled, but no wreckage was
located within the Allied lines to
confirm a definite "bag."

In recent actions, the twin-engined
cannon-armed Messerschmitt 110 has
been tried out. The change back to
the less powerful Messerschmitt 109
is evidently a sequel to the hot re-
ception the 110 was given.

Making Them Think Hard
Marshal Goering at this stage of
the war can better afford to lose the
mass-produced 109, of which he has
plenty, than its more exclusive big
brother. The switchover may be
only temporary, but while it lasts
the crack squadron to which the
110s are believed to have been at-
tached, will be thinking hard.

This squadron was probably moved
specially to the Western Front to
create a big impression and whip up
the waning enthusiasm of the other
fighter squadrons.

Doubtless it was expected to take
the heart out of the pilots flying the
single-engined Hurricanes and the
French fighters, but if so, it failed to
do so.

HOLLANDERS IN COURT

Pieter Poulous Dobbe, 43, mer-
chant, and Hendriena Van Laer, 25,
secretary, both of Amsterdam, Hol-
land, now residing at the Arlington
Hotel, Kowloon, were charged before
Mr. Edwards at the Central Magis-
trate's court this morning with fail-
ing to report their change of address to
the Registration of Persons Office on
April 4.

Both defendants pleaded guilty and
were fined \$10 each.

MINISTERS CONFER

Important Meeting
In London

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—
British Ministers from the Bal-
kan States and the Ambassadors
from Rome, Moscow and Ankara,
met at the Foreign Office this
afternoon under the chairman-
ship of Lord Halifax.

The envoys immediately got to
grips with the co-ordinated policy of
counter-acting Germany's economic
pressures in South-Eastern Europe
and development of British trade.

It is understood that the meeting
will last at least a week. No official
statement will be published until the
termination.

Fear British Propaganda

American Newspapers
Chary Of Articles

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—
Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, former
First Lord of the Admiralty and
War Minister, speaking in Lon-
don to-day after his return from
a lecture tour of the United
States, said that since the out-
break of war he had found it
impossible to place an article in
American newspapers.

Americans were interested in Mr.
Leahle Hore-Belisha's resignation, but
Mr. Hore-Belisha was also unable to
place an article in U.S. Press, so
strong was the American fear of
doing English propaganda.

Britain was doing too little in
acquainting Americans with the
true facts while the Germans were
very successful with their propa-
ganda.

NEW RAID ON SCAPA FLOW

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—An
Admiralty and Air Ministry com-
munique says that enemy aircraft
carried out an attack on Scapa Flow
this evening without doing any
damage.

It is certain that at least one enemy
aircraft was brought down by our
fighters.

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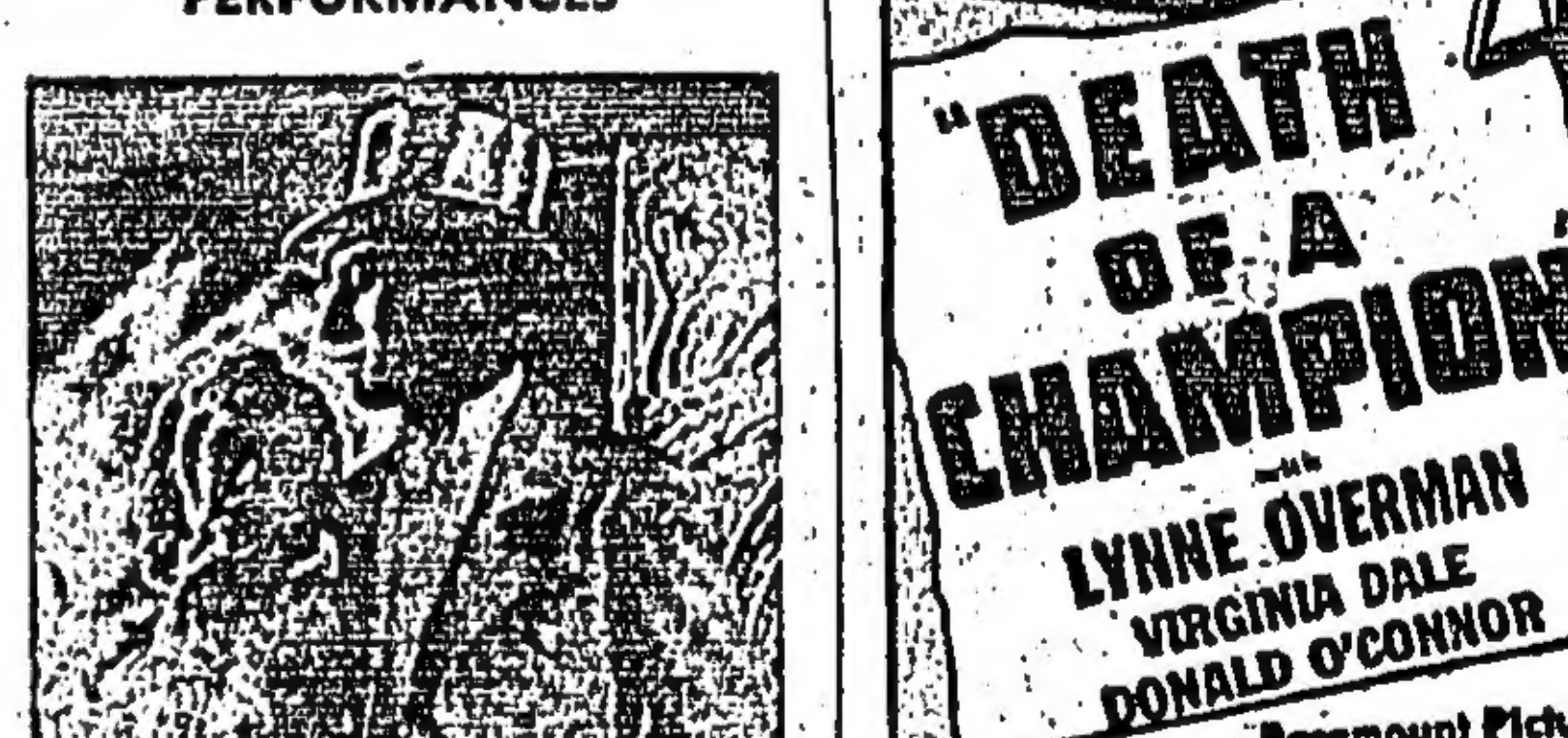
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